



U.S. Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C. 20535

November 17, 2022

MR. NOAH SCHEER



FOIPA Request No.: 1569819-000  
Subject: GRAY, JESSE

Dear Mr. Scheer:

The FBI has completed its search for records subject to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) that are responsive to your request. The enclosed 255 pages of records were determined to be responsive to your subject and were previously processed and released. Please see the selected paragraphs below for relevant information specific to your request as well as the enclosed FBI FOIPA Addendum for standard responses applicable to all requests.

- ☐ In an effort to provide you with responsive records as expeditiously as possible, we are releasing documents from previous requests regarding your subject. We consider your request fulfilled. Since we relied on previous results, additional records potentially responsive to your subject may exist. If this release of previously processed material does not satisfy your request, you may request an additional search for records. Submit your request by mail to **Initial Processing Operations Unit, 200 Constitution Drive, Winchester, VA 22602, or by fax to (540) 868-4997**. Please cite the FOIPA Request Number in your correspondence.
- ☒ Please be advised that additional records responsive to your subject exist. If this release of previously processed material does not satisfy your request, you must advise us that you want the additional records processed. Please submit your response within thirty (30) days by mail to **Initial Processing Operations Unit, 200 Constitution Drive, Winchester, VA 22602, or by fax to (540) 868-4997**. Please cite the FOIPA Request Number in your correspondence. **If we do not receive your decision within thirty (30) days of the date of this notification, your request will be closed.**
- ☐ One or more of the enclosed records were transferred to the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). Although we retained a version of the records previously processed pursuant to the FOIA, the original records are no longer in our possession.

If this release of the previously processed material does not satisfy your request, you may file a FOIPA request with NARA at the following address:

National Archives and Records Administration  
Special Access and FOIA  
8601 Adelphi Road, Room 5500  
College Park, MD 20740-6001

- ☒ Records potentially responsive to your request were transferred to the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), and they were not previously processed pursuant to the FOIA. You may file a request with NARA using the address above.

Reference file numbers 100-HQ-357847, 100-NY-91911, 100-WF-20386, 157-HQ-8415, 100-HQ-51230, 157-HQ-14054, 100-HQ-442684, 100-HQ-438794, 100-HQ-458038, 157-HQ-21116, 100-NY-161140, 100-HQ-447481, 157-HQ-24813, 100-BT-6102, 100-HQ-357847, 157-HQ-26404, 157-WF-368, 100-WF-30386, 157-WF-583, 100-WF-43710, 157-WF-425, 157-WF-427, 100-WF-42116, 100-WF-43410, 100-WF-46722, 157-WF-2372, 157-WF-1309, 100-WF-56444, 157-WF-1132, 157-WF-433, 100-WF-45999, 157-WF-1169, 100-WF-2196, 100-WF-42300, 157-WF-425, 100-NY-139647, 100-NY-148047, 100-NY-163878, 100-NY-26603, 100-NY-152759, 100-NY-65599, 100-NY-155496, 100-NY-154786, 100-NY-34632, 100-NY-152081 and 100-NY-152579 in your correspondence.

- ☐ One or more of the enclosed records were destroyed. Although we retained a version of the records previously processed pursuant to the FOIA, the original records are no longer in our possession. Record retention and disposal is carried out under supervision of the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) , Title 44, United States Code, Section 3301 as implemented by Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1228; Title 44, United States Code, Section 3310 as implemented by Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1229.10.
- ☒ Records potentially responsive to your request were destroyed. Since this material could not be reviewed, it is not known if it was responsive to your request. Record retention and disposal is carried out under supervision of the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) according to Title 44 United States Code Section 3301, Title 36 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Chapter 12 Sub-chapter B Part 1228, and 36 CFR 1229.10.
- ☐ Documents or information referred to other Government agencies were not included in this release.

Please refer to the enclosed FBI FOIPA Addendum for additional standard responses applicable to your request. **"Part 1"** of the Addendum includes standard responses that apply to all requests. **"Part 2"** includes additional standard responses that apply to all requests for records about yourself or any third party individuals. **"Part 3"** includes general information about FBI records that you may find useful. Also enclosed is our Explanation of Exemptions.

For questions regarding our determinations, visit the [www.fbi.gov/foia](http://www.fbi.gov/foia) website under "Contact Us." The FOIPA Request Number listed above has been assigned to your request. Please use this number in all correspondence concerning your request.

Please be advised that if you are seeking a new search for records, you may wish to narrow the scope of your request based on material that you have already received, e.g., timeframe or locality. Additionally, be advised that "unusual circumstances" may apply. See 5 U.S.C. § 552 (a)(6)(B)(iii). These "unusual circumstances" will delay our ability to make a determination on your request within 20 days. See 5 U.S.C. § 552 (a)(6)(B). Additionally, the payment of pertinent fees may apply to your request. See 5 U.S.C. § 552 (a)(4)(A)(viii). The application of "unusual circumstances" is not a determination of how the FBI will respond to your substantive request.

If you are not satisfied with the Federal Bureau of Investigation's determination in response to this request, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (OIP), United States Department of Justice, 441 G Street, NW, 6th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20530, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's FOIA STAR portal by creating an account following the instructions on OIP's website: <https://www.justice.gov/oip/submit-and-track-request-or-appeal>. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within ninety (90) days of the date of my response to your request. If you submit your appeal by mail, both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." Please cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so it may be easily identified.

You may seek dispute resolution services by emailing the FBI's FOIA Public Liaison at [foipaquestions@fbi.gov](mailto:foipaquestions@fbi.gov). The subject heading should clearly state "Dispute Resolution Services." Please also cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so it may be easily identified. You may also contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov); telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. G. Seidel", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Michael G. Seidel  
Section Chief  
Record/Information  
Dissemination Section  
Information Management Division

Enclosure(s)

## FBI FOIPA Addendum

As referenced in our letter responding to your Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA) request, the FBI FOIPA Addendum provides information applicable to your request. Part 1 of the Addendum includes standard responses that apply to all requests. Part 2 includes standard responses that apply to requests for records about individuals to the extent your request seeks the listed information. Part 3 includes general information about FBI records, searches, and programs.

### Part 1: The standard responses below apply to all requests:

- (i) **5 U.S.C. § 552(c).** Congress excluded three categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIPA [5 U.S.C. § 552(c)]. FBI responses are limited to those records subject to the requirements of the FOIPA. Additional information about the FBI and the FOIPA can be found on the [www.fbi.gov/foia](http://www.fbi.gov/foia) website.
- (ii) **Intelligence Records.** To the extent your request seeks records of intelligence sources, methods, or activities, the FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of records pursuant to FOIA exemptions (b)(1), (b)(3), and as applicable to requests for records about individuals, PA exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(1), (b)(3), and (j)(2)]. The mere acknowledgment of the existence or nonexistence of such records is itself a classified fact protected by FOIA exemption (b)(1) and/or would reveal intelligence sources, methods, or activities protected by exemption (b)(3) [50 USC § 3024(i)(1)]. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that any such records do or do not exist.

### Part 2: The standard responses below apply to all requests for records on individuals:

- (i) **Requests for Records about any Individual—Watch Lists.** The FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of any individual's name on a watch list pursuant to FOIA exemption (b)(7)(E) and PA exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(7)(E), (j)(2)]. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that watch list records do or do not exist.
- (ii) **Requests for Records about any Individual—Witness Security Program Records.** The FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of records which could identify any participant in the Witness Security Program pursuant to FOIA exemption (b)(3) and PA exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(3), 18 U.S.C. 3521, and (j)(2)]. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that such records do or do not exist.
- (iii) **Requests for Confidential Informant Records.** The FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of confidential informant records pursuant to FOIA exemptions (b)(7)(D), (b)(7)(E), and (b)(7)(F) [5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(7)(D), (b)(7)(E), and (b)(7)(F)] and Privacy Act exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. § 552a (j)(2)]. The mere acknowledgment of the existence or nonexistence of such records would reveal confidential informant identities and information, expose law enforcement techniques, and endanger the life or physical safety of individuals. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that such records do or do not exist.

### Part 3: General Information:

- (i) **Record Searches and Standard Search Policy.** The Record/Information Dissemination Section (RIDS) searches for reasonably described records by searching systems, such as the Central Records System (CRS), or locations where responsive records would reasonably be found. The CRS is an extensive system of records consisting of applicant, investigative, intelligence, personnel, administrative, and general files compiled by the FBI per its law enforcement, intelligence, and administrative functions. The CRS spans the entire FBI organization, comprising records of FBI Headquarters, FBI Field Offices, and FBI Legal Attaché Offices (Legats) worldwide; Electronic Surveillance (ELSUR) records are included in the CRS. The standard search policy is a search for main entity records in the CRS. Unless specifically requested, a standard search does not include a search for reference entity records, administrative records of previous FOIPA requests, or civil litigation files.
  - a. *Main Entity Records* – created for individuals or non-individuals who are the subjects or the focus of an investigation
  - b. *Reference Entity Records* – created for individuals or non-individuals who are associated with a case but are not known subjects or the focus of an investigation
- (ii) **FBI Records.** Founded in 1908, the FBI carries out a dual law enforcement and national security mission. As part of this dual mission, the FBI creates and maintains records on various subjects; however, the FBI does not maintain records on every person, subject, or entity.
- (iii) **Foreseeable Harm Standard.** As amended in 2016, the Freedom of Information Act provides that a federal agency may withhold responsive records only if: (1) the agency reasonably foresees that disclosure would harm an interest protected by one of the nine exemptions that FOIA enumerates, or (2) disclosure is prohibited by law (5 United States Code, Section 552(a)(8)(A)(i)). The FBI considers this foreseeable harm standard in the processing of its requests.
- (iv) **Requests for Criminal History Records or Rap Sheets.** The Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Division provides Identity History Summary Checks – often referred to as a criminal history record or rap sheet. These criminal history records are not the same as material in an investigative "FBI file." An Identity History Summary Check is a listing of information taken from fingerprint cards and documents submitted to the FBI in connection with arrests, federal employment, naturalization, or military service. For a fee, individuals can request a copy of their Identity History Summary Check. Forms and directions can be accessed at [www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/identity-history-summary-checks](http://www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/identity-history-summary-checks). Additionally, requests can be submitted electronically at [www.edo.cjis.gov](http://www.edo.cjis.gov). For additional information, please contact CJIS directly at (304) 625-5590.

## **EXPLANATION OF EXEMPTIONS**

### **SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552**

- (b)(1) (A) specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and (B) are in fact properly classified to such Executive order;
- (b)(2) related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency;
- (b)(3) specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than section 552b of this title), provided that such statute (A) requires that the matters be withheld from the public in such a manner as to leave no discretion on issue, or (B) establishes particular criteria for withholding or refers to particular types of matters to be withheld;
- (b)(4) trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential;
- (b)(5) inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency;
- (b)(6) personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;
- (b)(7) records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the production of such law enforcement records or information ( A ) could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, ( B ) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, ( C ) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, ( D ) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of confidential source, including a State, local, or foreign agency or authority or any private institution which furnished information on a confidential basis, and, in the case of record or information compiled by a criminal law enforcement authority in the course of a criminal investigation, or by an agency conducting a lawful national security intelligence investigation, information furnished by a confidential source, ( E ) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law, or ( F ) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual;
- (b)(8) contained in or related to examination, operating, or condition reports prepared by, on behalf of, or for the use of an agency responsible for the regulation or supervision of financial institutions; or
- (b)(9) geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells.

### **SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552a**

- (d)(5) information compiled in reasonable anticipation of a civil action proceeding;
- (j)(2) material reporting investigative efforts pertaining to the enforcement of criminal law including efforts to prevent, control, or reduce crime or apprehend criminals;
- (k)(1) information which is currently and properly classified pursuant to an Executive order in the interest of the national defense or foreign policy, for example, information involving intelligence sources or methods;
- (k)(2) investigatory material compiled for law enforcement purposes, other than criminal, which did not result in loss of a right, benefit or privilege under Federal programs, or which would identify a source who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(3) material maintained in connection with providing protective services to the President of the United States or any other individual pursuant to the authority of Title 18, United States Code, Section 3056;
- (k)(4) required by statute to be maintained and used solely as statistical records;
- (k)(5) investigatory material compiled solely for the purpose of determining suitability, eligibility, or qualifications for Federal civilian employment or for access to classified information, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(6) testing or examination material used to determine individual qualifications for appointment or promotion in Federal Government service the release of which would compromise the testing or examination process;
- (k)(7) material used to determine potential for promotion in the armed services, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished the material pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence.

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Assistant Attorney General  
J. Walter Yeagley  
72-1237-1  
Director, FBI

February 4, 1960

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JESSE GRAY

OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE

Reference is made to the conversation of  
Departmental Attorney [redacted] of the Internal  
Security Division and Inspector Joseph A. Sizoo of this  
Bureau on February 3, 1960.

Mr. Sizoo furnished [redacted] the five-page  
statement which was obtained from [redacted] who  
was a [redacted] now being held in  
Washington. The statement reveals that [redacted]

[redacted] said that after further  
study of the matter, he would advise as to whether further  
steps should be taken in regard to the possible violation  
of the Obstruction of Justice Statute.

Investigative reports concerning Gray and  
[redacted] have been previously furnished to the Records  
Administration Branch. The latest report on [redacted] which  
was dated January 29, 1960, was forwarded on February 3,  
1960. [redacted] while in contact with this Bureau on a  
confidential basis, on at least two occasions is known to  
have violated this confidential relationship.

No further action is being taken in this matter  
pending advice from the Department.

- 1 - [redacted]
- 1 - 100-357847 (Gray)
- 1 - 62-7582 (HCUA)

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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Date: 2/3/60

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, WFO (72- 76)  
JESSE GRAY;

OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE

On 11:15 A. M., 2/3/60, Inspector JOSEPH A. SIZOO, of the Bureau, telephonically advised ASAC THOMAS J. MC ANDREWS that [redacted] a witness before HCUA on 2/3/60, had been threatened by another witness, JESSE GRAY. Mr. SIZOO instructed that [redacted] be interviewed at once for full details re the alleged threat.

[redacted] DOB [redacted] was interviewed at the WFO by SAs [redacted] on 2/3/60, and the results of this interview are set forth in the enclosed statement. Two copies of this statement are enclosed for the Bureau, and one copy is enclosed for New York files. The original copy, which is also enclosed for the New York Office, should be signed by [redacted] and returned to the WFO.

[redacted] and he left Washington, D. C., by train, with the approval of HCUA, at 2:00 P. M., 2/3/60, prior to the time his statement was transcribed.

[redacted] MCT-8 REC-48 72-1237-1  
[redacted] stated he would sign the statement in [redacted]. He can be reached at his employment [redacted]. He indicated that it may be necessary for him to leave his present residence [redacted] because of the [redacted] by GRAY.

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1 - WFO

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Approved: James H. Gale  
Special Agent in Charge

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For the information of the Bureau, the facts re GRAY's threat to [ ] were brought out in public testimony before HCUA on the morning of 2/3/60, and when GRAY was asked about this threat, he took the Fifth Amendment, according to [ ] [ ] HCUA.

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Copies of this testimony will be obtained and furnished to the Bureau when available, which should be 2/4/60.

[ ] advised he is being [ ]  
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JESSE GRAY, subject, is possibly identical with JESSE WILLARD GRAY, New York SI subject (NY file 100-91911).

That portion of the statement re the threat made by GRAY to [ ] was dictated substantially by [ ]

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ENCLOSURE

1 - Belmont  
1 - DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Haack  
1 - Mr. Floyd

Assistant Attorney General  
J. Walter Yeagley

February 5, 1960

Director, FBI

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JESSE GRAY

OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE

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Reference is made to previous correspondence in this matter.

For the information of the Department in connection with captioned matter, there is enclosed a Photostat of testimony given by [redacted] Jesse Gray before a public session of the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) on February 3, 1960. During his testimony, victim spelled his name as indicated above. His name has been previously carried [redacted]

There is also enclosed one copy of a three-page statement which was obtained from [redacted] on February 4, 1960. In the statement [redacted] said [redacted]

[redacted] arrived in Washington, D. C., from [redacted] during the evening of February 4, 1960, and, thereafter, advised this Bureau that prior to leaving [redacted] he had been called a [redacted]

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*Assistant Attorney General  
J. Walter Yeagley*

[ ] also said that he had been discharged from his employment at the [ ] and that he had accepted a position with the [ ] in the [ ] through arrangements made by [ ]

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*No further inquiries are being made in this matter pending advice from the Department.*

*Enclosures (2)*

*NOTE ON YELLOW:*

*Transcript of testimony received from Washington Field. [ ] name in Security Matter - C case will be changed in accordance with spelling of his name indicated above. Enclosed statement was obtained from [ ] after his arrival from [ ] on 2-4-60.*

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Date: 2/4/60

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, WFO (72-76)

JESSE GRAY:

OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE

Re WFO airtel dated 2/3/60.

At 6:45 P. M., on 2/4/60 night Supervisor JAMES MANSFIELD of the New York Office telephonically advised SA GAYLE KENNETH MARZ, WFO, that when the Agents of the New York Office attempted to locate [redacted] in NYC on 2/4/60, they were advised by [redacted] that [redacted] received an anonymous call at his place of employment [redacted] about 10:00 A. M., 2/4/60 which advised him to get out of town and that [redacted] had left for Washington, D. C., at 3:00 P. M., on a Greyhound Bus.

[redacted] was met at the Greyhound Bus Terminal at 8:25 P. M., 2/4/60 by SAs [redacted] and [redacted] was interviewed re above call at WFO. He stated this was a complete misunderstanding; that he had told [redacted] he was coming to Washington to accept a position that had been offered to him by [redacted] with the [redacted] [redacted] said he definitely was not threatened or told to leave town.

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[redacted] stated that as a result of [redacted]

3-Bureau (Encls 22 - 1 envelope & 21 letters 2/5/60)  
2-New York (Encls-2) (RM)  
1-WFO  
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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

[redacted]  
[redacted] said the wife of the proprietor of [redacted] next to [redacted] told [redacted] that she did not know he had communists working for him and further that the colored girl who clerks at the [redacted] (a block from [redacted] called [redacted] after reading about [redacted] and told him she did not think it would be good for business.

[redacted] stated he had called [redacted] at HCUA about 9:15 A. M., 2/4/60 and told him of this treatment and about 10:00 A. M., [redacted] called him back at [redacted] and left word for [redacted] to call him. [redacted] was out at 10:00 A. M. At 10:15 A. M., [redacted] called [redacted] who offered him a job in [redacted]. in the [redacted] accepted and told [redacted] he would leave on the Greyhound Bus at 3:00 P. M.

[redacted] stated that [redacted] told him that if he kept him on, it would hurt his business and asked [redacted] if he could get [redacted] to finish out the week.

[redacted] was again questioned as to whether there were [redacted]

[redacted] A signed statement covering this was obtained. Two copies each are enclosed for the Bureau and New York. His explanation for originally stating that no one [redacted] was that he was disturbed at the time because of [redacted] illness and wanted to get back to [redacted] at once.

[redacted] also signed the statement prepared 2/3/60.

No additional investigation will be conducted by the WFO pending instructions from the Bureau.

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FBI - NEW YORK  
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ENCLOSURES TO BUREAU. : (2) --  
Two copies of signed statement  
signed by [redacted]  
JESSE GRAY: [redacted]

OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE  
WFO file 72-76

Airtel dated 2/4/60

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Jury by letter  
2/5/60  
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ENCLOSURE

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Date: 2/5/60

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK

JESSE GRAY;

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ReWFOairtel to Bureau, 2/3/60.

On 2/4/60, SAs LEONARD H. MC COY and [redacted] attempted to locate [redacted] at [redacted] NY. per lead in referenced airtel. One [redacted] advised that he is a [redacted] and that [redacted] had departed [redacted] at 3:00 P.M., 2/4/60, via Greyhound Bus for Washington, D.C. [redacted] further stated that [redacted] had received a telephone call at his place of employment, [redacted] telling him to "get out of town".

This information was telephonically furnished to WFO Night Supervisor GAYLE MARZ at 6:40 P.M., 2/4/60.

Copies of statement furnished to the NYO are being returned to WFO.

Further action not being taken, UACB.

- 3 - Bureau (REGULAR MAIL) (Encls.2)  
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# Ex-Red Threatened, He Tells House Probe

By ROBERT K. WALSH  
Star Staff Writer

A New York witness complained to the House Committee on Un-American Activities that he was warned here today he "would be in pretty bad shape in the Harlem community" if he testified about Communist Party moves to organize youth groups.

Albert Gallard, a 20-year-old Negro who said he quit the Communist Party last August, said he received this warning from Jesse Gray, a Communist regional organizer, shortly before the committee hearing.

Mr. Gray denied he had any "conversation" with Mr. Gallard. But he invoked the Fifth Amendment when asked about Mr. Gallard's detailed testimony.

Some 50 young people who earlier today picketed the White House were in the committee room during the hearing. They milled about in the House Office Building corridors but made no attempt to picket the House Office Building. They said they belonged to groups that attended youth festivals in Vienna and Moscow.

Mr. Gallard testified that Mr. Gray and several others he named as Communist Party members in New York wanted him to organize youth groups, particularly in the South. He said he made no headway, be-

came disillusioned with the party and notified the FBI and the House committee.

Benjamin Davis, Jr., New York Negro who is Communist Party national secretary, invoked the First and Fifth Amendments in refusing to answer questions about Communist Party membership and activities among young groups.

He said he considered the committee "un-American, illegal and having no right to inquire into my opinions." He demanded that the committee subpoena the lynchers of Mack Parker in Mississippi. Leroy Wolins, who identified himself as secretary of the Chicago branch of the American-Soviet Friendship League, also invoked the Fifth Amendment when

asked whether he received \$500 from Vladimir S. Slorov of the Soviet Embassy to promote the Vienna Youth Festival last year.

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Date: 2/4/60

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, WFO (72-76)  
JESSE GRAY:  
[REDACTED]  
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE

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There is enclosed for the Bureau a transcript of  
the testimony of [REDACTED] and JESSE GRAY before  
HCUA on 2/3/60.

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Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: February 3, 1960

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] of the House Un-American Activities Committee called and told [REDACTED] that the above individual had advised them that [REDACTED] (Both individuals are colored.) [REDACTED] said that he had called [REDACTED] in the Department and that [REDACTED] had told him that such a threat was a violation of Title 18, Section 1605, which deals with Congressional witnesses. [REDACTED] wanted an Agent to come up right away and interview [REDACTED] and Gray.

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The above information was furnished immediately to Mr. Sizoo in the Domestic Intelligence Division.

At 11:05 a.m. [REDACTED] of the House Un-American Activities Committee said that Chairman [REDACTED] was very much interested in having Gray arrested in that he thought it would be helpful in connection with other witnesses and would show that they were getting protection. [REDACTED] said that [REDACTED] had been in contact with Assistant United States Attorney [REDACTED] here in Washington and that [REDACTED] had indicated that he would issue a warrant.

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This information was immediately transmitted to Mr. Sizoo, and they are handling the matter.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

1 - Mr. Parsons  
 1 - Mr. Belmont

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

DATE: February 3, 1960

FROM : MR. J. A. SIZOO

cc Mr. Parsons  
Mr. Belmont  
Mr. Kemper  
Mr. Bland

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE

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House Committee on  
 Un-American Activities

The HCUA today is holding some hearings involving one Youth Festival in Europe last summer. They have called as witnesses some of the individuals with communist backgrounds who were leaders in the American contingent. The above-captioned individual is being called as a friendly witness. We were advised by HCUA representatives this morning that [REDACTED] was threatened last night by Jess Gray, one of the other witnesses subpoenaed and presumably an unfriendly one. [REDACTED] of HCUA said he had talked to [REDACTED] in the Department who indicated that he believed a Federal violation was involved. Congressman Walters thereupon requested that the FBI be notified and asked to conduct an immediate interview with [REDACTED]

I talked to [REDACTED] of the Internal Security Division and advised him of the requests we had received from the Committee. [REDACTED] said we should go ahead and interview [REDACTED] and obtain the basic facts from him and then contact the Department for further advice.

ACTION:

I called ASAC McAndrews of the Washington Field Office and told him to arrange for an immediate interview with [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] should not be interviewed in front of the press, HCUA representatives or anyone else, but should be interviewed in private and, if possible, in the FBI office; that the Bureau should thereafter be immediately advised in order that the Department could be contacted and advice obtained as to whether or not the facts constitute a violation which would warrant further investigative steps.

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## Memorandum

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TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: 2-6-60

FROM : Mr. Bland

SUBJECT: JESSE GRAY

OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE

Memorandum 2-4-60 to Mr. Belmont set forth that

\_\_\_\_\_ prior to HCUA hearings on 2-3-60, concerning communist activities among youth groups. In this statement \_\_\_\_\_ said \_\_\_\_\_

that \_\_\_\_\_ The facts and \_\_\_\_\_ statement were furnished to the Department for consideration as to whether a violation of the Obstruction of Justice Statute existed. By letter 2-5-60, the Internal Security Division of the Department stated a violation apparently existed but that it did not believe prosecution advisable due to a lack of corroborative evidence. The Department's letter stated that if additional evidence became available the matter would receive further consideration.

Meanwhile, on 2-4-60, \_\_\_\_\_ was reinterviewed and furnished an additional statement in which he said that \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ second statement and a transcript of \_\_\_\_\_ and Gray's testimony before the HCUA on 2-3-60 were furnished to the Internal Security Division of the Department on 2-5-60, prior to receipt of the Department's letter of the same date.

In view of the Department's opinion, the Washington Field Office has been requested to identify and expedite interviews with possible witnesses to the conversation between Gray and \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. DeLoach's office has been told of the Department's opinion and the fact that we are conducting additional investigation and will so advise the HCUA.

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1 - 100-429738 (Gaillard)  
 1 - 100-357847 (Gray)  
 1 - 61-7582 (HCUA)  
 1 - Mr. Parsons  
 1 - Mr. Mohr

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Memorandum for Mr. Belmont  
JESSE GRAY

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ACTION:

*This matter will be followed closely and the results of additional investigation will be furnished the Department immediately upon receipt in order that further consideration may be given to prosecution of Gray.*

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont *AB*

DATE: February 4, 1960

FROM : Mr. J. F. Bland *JFB*SUBJECT: JESSE GRAYOBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont dated 2-3-60 set forth that the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) advised that [redacted] a cooperative HCUA witness, was threatened by Jesse Gray, an uncooperative witness, prior to HCUA hearings on 2-3-60, concerning communist youth matters. After advice to the Internal Security Division of the Department, [redacted] was interviewed.

[redacted] on 2-3-60, furnished statements which, in substance, reflected that [redacted]

Copy of [redacted] statement was furnished to Departmental Attorney [redacted] on 2-3-60. After a cursory review, [redacted] advised that the facts did not make a strong case and there was some question in his mind whether the facts constituted a violation of the Obstruction of Justice Statute. [redacted] stated that no additional inquiry should be made at this time and that a further study would be made by the Department and the Bureau advised. The above facts and comments of [redacted] have been confirmed by separate letter and his attention called to investigative reports in the possession of the Department on both [redacted] and Gray.

[redacted] He was interviewed on several occasions beginning in February, 1959, and furnished information concerning his past [redacted]

- 1 - [redacted]
- 1 - 100-357847 (Gray)
- 1 - 62-7582 (HCUA)
- 1 - Mr. Parsons
- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Bland
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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont  
RE: JESSE GRAY; [REDACTED]

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Army intelligence and other individuals concerning the fact he was talking to the FBI.

Jesse Gray was a CP organizer in New York in 1958 and is included in the Security Index. He has been active in communist affairs since the late 1940's.

ACTION:

(1) This matter will be followed closely with the Department for their decision as to whether a violation did occur of the Obstruction of Justice Statute.

(2) That Mr. DeLoach's Office advise the HCUA that [REDACTED] has been interviewed and the results of such interview has been furnished to the Department, which is giving study to the matter and that no further action is contemplated by the Bureau pending a decision from the Department.

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1 - Mr. Parsons  
1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Belmont  
1 - Mr. Bland  
1 - Mr. Floyd

Assistant Attorney General  
J. Walter Yeagley

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Director, FBI

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JESSE GRAY

OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE

Reference is made to previous correspondence in this matter.

For the information of the Department and further consideration in this connection, there is enclosed one copy each of interview reports, both dated February 6, 1960, concerning the following witnesses in this case: [redacted] and [redacted]. Also enclosed is one copy each of four statements furnished by the following witnesses: [redacted]

It is noted that in his testimony before the House Committee on Un-American Activities on February 3, 1960, Jesse Gray stated he had no conversation with [redacted] on the morning of February 3, 1960.

No further inquiries are being made in this matter pending advice from the Department.

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Prior to hearings on communist youth matters in Washington, 2/3/60, Gray allegedly threatened [redacted] if he did not take Fifth Amendment. Information furnished Department immediately. Department stated apparent violation existed. Statements were taken from witnesses to conversation of Gray and [redacted] for Department's further consideration. Gray was uncooperative witness and is in Security Index. See [redacted] to Belmont, dated 2-4-60 and 2-6-60, same caption as above.

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Date: 2/6/60

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, WFO (72-76)

JESSE GRAY:

[REDACTED]  
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE

JESSE WILLARD GRAY

Re Bureau telephone call of Mr. JAMES F. BLAND to CSC [REDACTED] instructing WFO to immediately attempt to locate and interview possible witnesses at the New Dunbar Hotel as reflected in victim's statement of 2/4/60.

In this connection employees of the New Dunbar Hotel were interviewed as reflected in the FD 302 concerning

[REDACTED] New Dunbar Hotel; FD 302 concerning interview of [REDACTED] New Dunbar Hotel; and the signed statements of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] New Dunbar Hotel; [REDACTED] New Dunbar Hotel; and [REDACTED] at drug store, New Dunbar Hotel.

It is desired to point out that [REDACTED] has 20/600 and 20/400 vision corrected by glasses to 20/30 in both eyes.

[REDACTED] also advised that [REDACTED] is currently a permanent guest at the New Dunbar Hotel and that he is possibly one of the two male Negroes talking in front of him on 2/3/60. [REDACTED] advised that he did not want to include this information in a signed statement until he had a change to observe [REDACTED] again.

WFO is taking no further action in this matter pending Bureau instructions.

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2 - New York (RM)  
1 - WFO  
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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

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of [REDACTED]  
retained with [REDACTED]

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2-8-60  
WHT: [REDACTED]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
INTERVIEW REPORTDate 2/6/60

[redacted] advised that he is [redacted] of the New Dunbar Hotel. He made available the Hotel's Registration Card, Number 276, and bill, Number 0276, for JESSE GRAY, 1809 7th Avenue, New York City.

This Registration Card showed that GRAY registered in the Dunbar Hotel at 1:58 p.m., on February 2, 1960, and was given room C420. He was registered in by [redacted] the Desk Clerk on duty at that time.

[redacted] certified with his signature and the date a true copy of the Registration Card and bill.

He stated that from the bill he could determine the following: JESSE GRAY left the hotel without checking out and without receiving a \$1 deposit for his room key. The key for room C420 was in the box at the Clerk's Desk and the room was declared vacant on February 3, 1960. This meant that JESSE GRAY left the hotel prior to 3:00 p.m., the required check-out time, on February 3, 1960.

[redacted] stated that a subpoena for the Registration Card and bill should be directed to [redacted] or any officer of the Dunbar House, Inc., 2015 15th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

He stated that the Registration Card and bill, under Internal Revenue regulations, must be maintained by the hotel for three years.

He stated that the hotel's restaurant does not open until 11:00 a.m. There is a lunch counter in the drug store of the hotel which opens at 7:00 a.m. It is possible to go from the hotel lobby, through a corridor, and into the drug store without leaving the building. It is also possible to pass through the drug store and out the door at the Northwest corner of 15th and U Streets, N. W. The barber shop has only one entrance and that is on 15th Street, N. W. The barber shop cannot be entered directly from the New Dunbar Hotel, but must be entered from the street.

Interview with [redacted]

File # WFO 72-762/6/602015 15th Street, N. W.,  
Washington, D. C.Date dictated 2/6/60

by Special Agents [redacted]

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[redacted] advised that [redacted] was the only  
Desk Clerk on daytime duty on February 2 and 3, 1960. and  
[redacted]  
was the only switchboard operator on duty during the morning  
of February 3, 1960.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
INTERVIEW REPORTDate 2/6/60

[redacted] advised that he is the [redacted]  
[redacted] of the New Dunbar Hotel, 15th and U Streets, N. W.,  
Washington, D. C. He stated that the only two girls on  
counter duty at the hotel's drug store during the morning  
of February 3, 1960, were [redacted]

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Interview with [redacted] File # WFO 72-76  
on 2/6/60 at 2015 15th Street, N. W.,  
Washington, D. C. Date dictated 2/6/60  
by Special Agent [redacted] **ELO:SKR**

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"Arlington, Va.  
February 6, 1960

"I, [redacted] make the following voluntary statement to JAMES E. REILLY and [redacted] who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I understand that this statement may be used in court.

"I am employed as a [redacted] at The New Dunbar Hotel, 15th and You Sts., N. W., Washington, D. C. The switchboard at the New Dunbar Hotel is located about four or five feet behind the desk clerk's office. On Wednesday morning, February 3, 1960, between 8:30 and 9:00 a.m. a colored man herein described as man #1, was standing directly in front of the desk clerk and engaged another man herein described as man #2 in conversation. Man #1 was talking vigorously to man #2 and man #1 appeared to be very angry. His eyes showed anger and this plus the loud manner in which he was talking gave me a definite impression that this man was extremely angry. At one point, man #1 looked at me and I got a good look at his eyes and then I looked away as I did not desire to be part of an argument. I do not recall any conversation that took place between man #1 and #2 as I have learned from experience in working at a public place to ignore argumentative conversations between people. I estimate that this conversation between man #1 and #2 which I heard was about two to three minutes. I don't recall that man #2 answered any conversation by man #1. I recall that man #1 was about 5 foot 7 inches tall, about 160 pounds, medium complexion, hair cut short and no hat. He was not clean shaven and possibly wore a mustache. He was wearing an Army type green fatigue jacket, three quarter length with large pockets. I do not recall a description of man #2 except that I believe he wore a gray gabardine coat. I do not recall if I left the switchboard when I heard this argument; however, I do believe I was standing and was wearing my head set. I do not know if man #1 and man #2 were guests of the New Dunbar Hotel. I have never seen either of them before or since. I recall the above incident as being Wednesday, February 3, 1960, because since this date I have been home sick. I remember the time as being between 8:30 and 9:00 because the Auditor of this Hotel comes in at about 9 a.m. and I do not believe he had arrived.

"I have been shown a photograph of JESSE WILLARD GRAY by Special Agents REILLY and [redacted] but I cannot state if this is the person described herein as man #1 and #2.

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"I have read the above statement, consisting of this and three other handwritten pages, and it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. This statement is in my own handwriting. I have initialed each mistake or alterations and placed my signature on each page.

/s/ [redacted]

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"Witnessed:

"JAMES E. REILLY

"Special Agent, F.B.I.

[redacted]

"Special Agent, F.B.I. February 6, 1960."

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"Washington, D. C.  
February 6, 1960

[redacted]  
[redacted] make the following free and voluntary  
statement to [redacted]  
who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents  
of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I understand  
that this statement may be used in court.

"I am employed as [redacted] at the New Dunbar  
Hotel, 2015 15th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.  
I was on duty as desk clerk at the New Dunbar Hotel  
from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on February 2 and February 3,  
1960.

"I have been shown a copy of a registration  
card number 276 for room number C420 of the New Dunbar  
Hotel date stamped February 2, 1960 at 1:58 p.m.  
This card has the name JESSE GRAY of 1809 Seventh  
Ave., NYC on it. It also has my initials [redacted] in the  
lower right hand corner. I recall a male Negro  
registering for this room on this date. I recall  
that I was going to put this man in room C320 but was  
unable to locate a key for this room so I put him  
in room C420.

"I have been shown a photograph of a man  
identified to me by Special Agents [redacted]  
as JESSE GRAY. I am unable to say if JESSE GRAY is  
the man who registered for the room. I am unable to  
recall anything about the man who registered for  
the room at this time. However, due to my hotel  
experience, once a person has stayed at the hotel I  
am usually able to recognize him if I see him again  
in person.

"On Wednesday, February 3, 1960, sometime between  
8:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m., while I was on duty at the  
front desk at the New Dunbar Hotel, I recall seeing and  
hearing two male Negroes talking in the lobby. They  
were near the fish bowl in the lobby which is about  
15 feet from the front desk where I work. I was unable  
to understand any of the words being spoken. Subsequently  
these two men walked toward the front desk and stopped

there to continue their conversation. I was unable to understand the complete conversation, however, I remember hearing certain words and phrases of the conversation. One of the men, who will be called man number one, mentioned the "Amsterdam News". He also said "Call the "Times," "call the "Amsterdam News."" He mentioned the "Times" more than once. I also heard the words "Fifth Amendment" mentioned at least once. I can not say which of the two men said this phrase. I also heard the words "selling out" or "betraying." I am not sure which of the two men used this phrase. One of the men said "I'm telling you to take the Fifth Amendment." I can not recall which of the two men made this statement.

"This conversation took about two or three minutes. I do not know where these men went when they left the lobby and the front desk area. Their manner of dress and physical features are vague to me at this time. I may be able to recognize these two men if I see them in person.

"I am unable to recall if there were other people in the lobby at the time this conversation took place. There may not have been anyone else there. I am unable to state if anyone else overheard this conversation or saw the two men talking together.

"I have read the foregoing statement consisting of this and three other pages. I have signed each page. This statement is true to the best of my knowledge.

/s/

Special Agent, F.B.I.

Special Agent, FBI"

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Washington, D. C.  
February 6, 1960

"I, [redacted] hereby make the following free and voluntary statement to PHILIP H. WILSON and JAMES H. DOWNING, who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This statement may be used in a court of law.

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"I was one of two girls working behind the soda fountain in the New Dunbar Hotel, 15th & "U" Streets, N. W., Washington, D. C., on Wednesday morning, February 3, 1960, from about 7:15 a.m. The other girl was [redacted]

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"On this particular morning I do not recall seeing or overhearing anyone arguing or talking loud. During this particular time, from opening to about 10:30 a.m., we were very busy.

"I recall having been asked the time but do not recall the day during the past week, or the time. I recall it was a man but since I do not have a watch and the clock in the soda fountain is broken, I told him I did not have a watch.

"I have been shown a photograph by Special Agents WILSON and DOWNING which they identified to me as JESSE GRAY. This person looked vaguely familiar. However, I do not know his name, where I might have seen him, when I might have seen him or under what circumstances.

"No one else has mentioned to me that they saw or heard two men arguing or talking loud in the soda fountain on Wednesday morning, February 3, 1960.

"On Wednesday morning, February 3, 1960 the soda fountain was crowded with customers from about 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. I do not recall the identity of any of these customers.

"I am [redacted] years old. I was born in [redacted]  
[redacted] on [redacted] I live at [redacted]  
[redacted] My telephone number is [redacted]

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"I have read the foregoing statement consisting of one other page. I have signed each page. This statement is true to the best of my knowledge.

/s/

[Redacted Signature Box]

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"Witness:

"PHILIP H. WILSON, SA, FBI

"JAMES H. DOWNING, SA, F.B.I."

"Washington, D.C.  
Feb. 6, 1960

"I [redacted]  
[redacted] make the following voluntary  
statement to JAMES E. REILLY and [redacted]  
who have identified themselves to me as Special Agentes  
of the F.B.I. I know that this statatment may be used  
in court.

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"I am employed as a counter girl at the soda  
fontain located in the New Dunbar Hotel, 15th & U  
Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. My duty hours are from  
7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. I was at work dury my regular  
hours on Wednesday, Feb. 3, 1960 and I recall no  
unusual incidents or argunents having taken place on  
this date. I have no recolection of anyone asking me  
the time of day on Wednesday morning Feb. 3, 1960.

"I have been shown a picture of JESSE WILLARD GRAY  
by Special Agents RAEILLY and [redacted] and I wish to  
state I have never seen this person.

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"I have read this statament consisting of this  
and one other hand writted page and it is true and  
accurate to the best of my knowledge. I have initaled  
each mistake or change and have signed my name at the  
end of the first page. This statatment is in my own  
handwriting.

/s/ [redacted]

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"Witnessed:

"JAMES E. REILLY

"Special Agent, F.B.I.  
[redacted]

"Special Agent, FBI, February 6, 1960"

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1 - Mr. Floyd

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TO: REC-27 SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD (72-76)  
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FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (72-1237) - 10

JESSE GRAY; [REDACTED] OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE

This confirms instructions to SA [REDACTED] on 2-5-60 to proceed with interviews of possible witnesses to the conversation between Jesse Gray and [REDACTED] at the Dunbar Hotel, Washington, D.C., on 2-3-60.

Enclosed for your information and guidance in this matter is one copy of a letter from Assistant Attorney General J. Walter Yeagley, 2-5-60, which states that the facts of this case constitute an apparent violation of Section 1505, Title 18, United States Code.

Also enclosed is one Photostat of the transcript of the testimony of [REDACTED] Gray before the House Committee on Un-American Activities on 2-3-60.

Make every effort to identify and interview the individuals referred to by [REDACTED] as possible witnesses who observed Gray [REDACTED] in conversation as noted above, and who also may have overheard the alleged statements made by Gray to [REDACTED]

In view of the interest of the Department and members of the House Committee on Un-American Activities in this matter, this investigation must be given continuous attention and handled on an expedite basis. Submit results to the Bureau in a form suitable for dissemination.

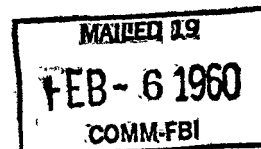
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NOTE: The Department has stated a violation apparently exists. Therefore, efforts will be made to develop witnesses to corroborate [REDACTED] allegations.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: February 5, 1960

FROM: J. Walter Yeagley, Assistant Attorney General  
Internal Security Division

SUBJECT: JESSE GRAY [redacted]

OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE

Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Parsons	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Malone	_____
Mr. McGuire	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
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Miss Gandy	_____

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Reference is made to your memorandum dated February 4, 1960, in the captioned matter. You advised that Jesse Gray, a witness before the House Committee on Un-American Activities, told [redacted] a cooperative witness before the same committee, to take the Fifth Amendment when questioned. Gray also told [redacted] that if he [redacted] testified against the Communist Party he would not be able to return to [redacted]. It is noted that the five-page statement obtained from [redacted] stated that [redacted]

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[redacted] There is no evidence that any other person was present during the above conversation.

After a study of the pertinent facts it is the opinion of this Division that they constitute an apparent violation of Section 1505, Title 18, U.S.C. However, it is noted that there is no available corroborative evidence up to the present time. In view of this fact prosecution is not deemed advisable at this time. If, however, additional evidence becomes available this matter will receive further consideration.

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SA [redacted]  
W.T.O. [redacted]  
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proceed with interviews  
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to the conversation  
between Gray  
2/5/60  
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Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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(RELEASE AT 6:30 P.M.)

(COFFIN)

REP. FRANK M. COFFIN (D-MAINE) ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT HE WILL RUN FOR THE DEMOCRATIC NOMINATION FOR GOVERNOR OF MAINE.

COFFIN SAID HE WILL SEEK THE NOMINATION IN THE JUNE PRIMARY. THE 40-YEAR-OLD CONGRESSMAN, WHO WAS THE FIRST DEMOCRATIC REPRESENTATIVE FROM MAINE IN 22 YEARS WHEN HE FIRST WAS ELECTED IN 1956, SAID HIS DECISION WAS REACHED AFTER "THE MOST SEARCHING SELF-QUESTIONING POSSIBLE."

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(UN-AMERICAN)

AN EX-COMMUNIST NEGRO YOUTH TOLD THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES TODAY HE WAS THREATENED IF HE TESTIFIED FREELY BEFORE IT.

THE YOUTH, ALBERT GAILLARD, 20, NEW YORK CITY, SAID THE THREAT WAS MADE BY JESSE GRAY, WHOM HE IDENTIFIED AS A REGIONAL COMMUNIST ORGANIZER, AT A LOCAL HOTEL SHORTLY BEFORE THE COMMITTEE'S HEARINGS THIS MORNING.

GAILLARD, WHO TESTIFIED AT LENGTH, SAID GRAY TOLD HIM TO INVOKE THE FIFTH AMENDMENT AT THE HEARING AND SAID THAT IF HE DID NOT "YOU'LL BE IN PRETTY BAD SHAPE IN THE HARLEM COMMUNITY."

GRAY, ALSO OF NEW YORK, TESTIFIED THAT "I HAD NO CONVERSATION" WITH GAILLARD THIS MORNING. BUT HE INVOKED THE FIFTH AMENDMENT AND REFUSED TO SAY WHETHER HE HAD TOLD GAILLARD TO DO LIKEWISE.

GRAY, WHO GAVE HIS OCCUPATION AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE LOWER HARLEM TENANTS COUNCIL, SAID HE WAS NOT NOW A COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBER. HE REFUSED TO ANSWER WHETHER HE HAD BEEN ONE AS LATE AS 10 A.M., WHEN THE HEARINGS OPENED.

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Date: 2/9/60

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Mr. Ingram	_____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (12-1237)

FROM: SAC, WFO (72-76)

JESSE GRAY:

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ReNYairtel to Bureau 2/5/60, returning copies of a statement dated 2/3/60 and subsequently signed by [Redacted] on 2/4/60.

A copy of this statement is enclosed for the New York Office to complete their file in this case.

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Special Agent in Charge

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

TO : MR. BELMONT *ask*

DATE: February 18, 1960

FROM : MR. SIZOO *DS*

SUBJECT: JESSE GRAY:

OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE  
Bureau file 72-1237

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[redacted] of the Department, called on 2/15/60, and made reference to our memorandum of 2/8/60, which contained statements concerning Gray's alleged threat of [redacted] said he thought it would be desirable to have the two Agents who took the statements talk with Departmental attorney [redacted] in Room 3259, in order that [redacted] might have an idea as to what further investigation is contemplated and pass on to the Agents certain legal conclusions which have been drawn at this point.

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ACTION:

I called Supervisor Lawrence Gurley, of the Washington Field Office, and asked him to have the two Agents (James E. Reilly and [redacted]) contact Departmental attorney [redacted] in the Department, Room 3259.

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1 - Mr. Parsons  
1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Belmont  
1 - Mr. Bland  
1 - Mr. Floyd

Assistant Attorney General  
J. Walter Yeagley

February 19, 1960

Director, FBI

JESSE GRAY

OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE

Reference is made to previous correspondence  
in this matter.

At 2:35 a.m., February 18, 1960, [redacted]

[redacted]  
Washington, D. C., telephonically advised this Bureau

[redacted] originally stated that she had  
not seen [redacted] However, upon  
further questioning, she revealed that [redacted]

[redacted] requested  
that her name be held in confidence.

It has been determined that [redacted] did  
speak on February 14, 1960, at the National Guard Armory  
before a meeting sponsored by the Americanism Committee of  
the American Legion Posts in the District of Columbia. He  
spoke on the dangers of communism.

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**Assistant Attorney General  
J. Walter Yeagley**

*The above is furnished for the information of the Department in view of the Obstruction of Justice investigation currently being conducted in captioned matter.*

**NOTE ON YELLOW:**

*See details in memo Mooney to Belmont 2-18-60. [redacted] requested that her name not be divulged. She indicated she [redacted]*

*[redacted] On 2/3/60 [redacted] testified as a cooperative witness before the HCUA hearings concerning youth matters. [redacted] was a cooperative witness and alleged that prior to his testimony Jesse Gray, who also testified and invoked the Fifth Amendment, had told him that he had better "take the Fifth Amendment or else." Department requested investigation and has stated a violation of the Obstruction of Justice Statute apparently existed. Current investigation being conducted to obtain witnesses. [redacted] is about [redacted] years of age [redacted]*

*[redacted] He was interviewed in 1958 and appeared cooperative. However, he later told at least two people of his contact with FBI and therefore efforts to determine [redacted]*

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Date: 2/15/60

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (72-1237)

FROM: SAC, WFO (72-76)

JESSE GRAY.

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ReButelcall this date instructing SAs JAMES E. RELLY and \_\_\_\_\_ to contact Departmental Attorney \_\_\_\_\_ concerning captioned case.

The above Agents contacted Departmental Attorney \_\_\_\_\_ this date who suggested that consideration be given to conducting the following investigation in this matter:

(1) Determine from \_\_\_\_\_ his wearing apparel and the wearing apparel of JESSE GRAY during the pertinent conversation between them in the lobby of the New Dunbar Hotel on the morning of 2/3/60.

(2) Make comparison of descriptions of GRAY and \_\_\_\_\_ with descriptions of individuals described in the statements of \_\_\_\_\_ on 2/6/60.

(3) Actual confrontation of \_\_\_\_\_ with potential witnesses.

(4) Determine if reported telephone call made by GRAY from the lobby of the New Dunbar Hotel went through the switchboard of this hotel and if the call is recorded on hotel records.

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(5) Interview [ ] concerning the identity of the Negro hotel employee with whom he was talking during the morning of 2/3/60 in the lobby of the New Dunbar Hotel at the time GRAY approached him. Conduct investigation to locate and interview this individual.

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UACB, WFO by 1:00 p.m. 2/16/60 will commence the investigation suggested by the Departmental Attorney.

It is to be noted that since the last investigation conducted by WFO on 2/6/60 in instant matter, this office has received additional photos of subject GRAY from New York which will be displayed to potential witnesses at the time the above suggested investigation is conducted.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (72-1237)

DATE: 2/25/60

FROM : SAC, WFO (72-76)

SUBJECT: JESSE GRAY:

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In conversation with [redacted] on 2/19/60.

he advised SAs [redacted]

[redacted] that he had collaborated with [redacted] and a reporter for the New York Mirror in the preparation of a news story concerning his experiences in the Communist Party, his break with the Party, and his future plans which include the publication of a book.

[redacted] expected that this news story which will be syndicated and appear in 270 newspapers will be released within the next week.

With respect to his forthcoming book he advised that [redacted] suggested he write a book dealing with his Communist Party activities. This book will begin with his early childhood and end with his testimony before HCUA. [redacted] said the book will be about 400 pages and he has already written 25 pages. He kept notes of his activities while in the Party and is referring to them for his book. He expects to have the material for the book completed in April, 1960. [redacted] is editing the pages of this book and told [redacted] that HCUA will find a publisher for it.

[redacted] was asked whether he will be paid for the speeches that the plans on making re his work in the Party and he said he had been advised not to talk about this (whether he was being paid).

[redacted] said he [redacted]

whose family befriended him when he was broke. He recently tried to have her join him in Washington but she refused.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office <b>WASHINGTON FIELD</b>	Office of Origin <b>WASHINGTON FIELD</b>	Date <b>2/25/60</b>	Investigative Period <b>2/3-2/18/60</b>
TITLE OF CASE <b>CHANGED:</b> <b>JESSE WILLIARD GRAY, aka</b> <b>Jesse Willard Gray, Jesse Willord</b> <b>Gray, Jesse W. Gray, Jesse Gray;</b>		Report made by [Redacted]	Typed By: <b>sah</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE</b>	

SYNOPSIS:

The title of this case is being marked "Changed" since [Redacted] identified a photograph of JESSE WILLIARD GRAY, subject of NY case file 100-91911 "JESSE WILLIARD GRAY, SM-C," as the individual who threatened him on 2/3/60. The WFO file in this matter 100-20386 is the source for the names listed above for JESSE GRAY.

## REFERENCES

Bureau telephone call 2/3/60.  
WFO airtel dated 2/15/60.

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## ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

SA WILFRED L. BERGERON on 2/17/60, contacted [Redacted]  
to obtain a list of [Redacted]

Approved <i>[Signature]</i>	Special Agent In Charge	Do not write in spaces below	
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Two copies of this report are being furnished the New York Office for their use and possible future investigation to be conducted there.

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AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

1. WFO will determine from [redacted] whether

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2. Will contact [redacted] to determine the identity of the individual with whom he was talking on the morning of 2/3/60, and who lives in the Dunbar Hotel.

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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

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Office: Washington, D. C.

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Title:

JESSE WILLIARD GRAY

Character:

OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE

Synopsis:

JESSE GRAY is the name used by subject when testifving before HCUA on 2/3/60. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] While testifying on 2/3/60, in Room 362, Old House Office Building, before this committee, [REDACTED] under oath stated that he had been asked that morning in the Dunbar Hotel, by JESSE GRAY, former Regional Organizer for the Communist Party in Harlem, to take the Fifth Amendment when called to testify by the committee. He said GRAY told him if he testified in favor of the government, he wouldn't be able to return to his community in Harlem and he (GRAY) would have leaflets about him all over the community. [REDACTED] also stated that GRAY tried to make a long distance telephone call to New York City to the Amsterdam News so that they would have the story of his testimony the following morning. JESSE GRAY was in the hearing room when [REDACTED] made this statement and was publicly identified by [REDACTED] under oath as the individual who had threatened him. JESSE GRAY was under HCUA subpoena to testify 2/3/60, concerning CP activities in youth groups. While testifying under oath on 2/3/60, he admitted that he had seen [REDACTED] in the Dunbar Hotel that morning, but denied that he had any conversation with him. When questioned by the committee whether [REDACTED] made any statement to him that morning, GRAY took the Fifth Amendment. His grounds were that he might be supplying information that would be used against him in a criminal proceeding. He was asked if he told [REDACTED] to take the Fifth Amendment and whether he had made a long distance telephone call to the Amsterdam News in New York City.

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GRAY took the Fifth Amendment to each question. Pertinent portions of the testimony of GRAY and [redacted] before HCUA on 2/3/60, are set forth.

Alleged long distance call of GRAY to Amsterdam News made from public telephone in lobby of Dunbar Hotel, telephone HObart 2-9897. No record at Dunbar Hotel of long distance telephone call being placed through hotel switchboard on 2/3/60. Dunbar Hotel records reveal GRAY registered as a guest 2/2/60, and left 2/3/60. Possible witnesses to conversation between GRAY and [redacted] in Dunbar Hotel on morning of 2/3/60 interviewed, personally confronted with [redacted] and also shown photographs of JESSE GRAY. [redacted]

[redacted] Hotel Desk Clerk, identified [redacted] as the individual he saw in lobby on morning of 2/3/60, having heated conversation with another individual at which time the words "Fifth Amendment", "Amsterdam News", "Call the Amsterdam News" were heard by [redacted]

[redacted] unable to identify photograph of JESSE GRAY as the individual in conversation with [redacted]

[redacted] Switchboard Operator, unable to identify [redacted] said there was a strong resemblance in the eyes of the photograph of JESSE GRAY to the eyes of one of the individuals she observed talking in front of the hotel desk on 2/3/60. [redacted]

[redacted] waitresses in the hotel coffee shop, unable to identify [redacted] or photographs of JESSE GRAY as having had argument or being together 2/3/60. in the coffee shop. Signed statements from [redacted]

[redacted] set forth. Descriptions set forth.

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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

This case was predicated upon receipt of information that [redacted] a witness before House Committee on Un-American Activities on February 3, 1960, had been threatened by another witness, JESSE GRAY.

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[redacted] House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA), on February 18, 1960, advised SA [redacted], that GRAY had been subpoenaed by the Committee January 18, 1960, to testify in connection with their hearings on communist activities in youth groups and he was to testify February 3, 1960, in Washington, D. C. She stated that [redacted] was subpoenaed December 11, 1959, at which time he testified before the Committee and he was advised by letter dated January 11, 1960, that his subpoena was being continued until February 10, 1960, and on February 3, 1960, at the time he was testifying before the Committee he was advised that he was being continued under subpoena indefinitely.

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On February 4, 1960, [redacted] HCUA, made available to SA [redacted] a transcript of the testimony of [redacted] and JESSE GRAY before the Committee on February 3, 1960. Pertinent portions of this testimony are being set forth below:

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"A subcommittee of the Committee on Un-American Activities met, pursuant to recess, at 10:05 a.m., in the Caucus Room, Old House Office Building, Washington, D. C., Hon. Francis E. Walter (chairman) presiding.

"Committee members present: Francis E. Walter of Pennsylvania (presiding), Clyde Doyle of California, Edwin E. Willis of Louisiana, and August E. Johansen of Michigan.

"Staff members present: Richard Arens, staff director, Donald T. Appel and Robert H. Goldsborough, investigators.

"(Committee members present at the convening of the hearing: Francis E. Walter of Pennsylvania, chairman; Clyde Doyle of California, and August E. Johansen of Michigan.)

"The Chairman. The Committee will be in order.

"Call your first witness, Mr. Arens.

"Mr. Arens. Albert Gaillard, will you please come forward?

"The Chairman. Raise your right hand, please.

"Do you swear the testimony you are about to give will be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

"Mr. Gaillard. I do.

"Mr. Arens. Sit down right here.

"Bob, you sit next to him for a few minutes.

"TESTIMONY OF ALBERT GAILLARD

"Mr. Arens. Please state your first name, and if you will kindly keep your voice up.

"Mr. Gaillard. My name is Albert Gaillard, and I live in New York City.

"The Chairman. How do you spell your last name?

"Mr. Gaillard. G-a-i-l-l-a-r-d.

"Mr. Arens. Before we go any further in your testimony, just tell this committee what happened.

"Mr. Gaillard. It happened this morning.

"Mr. Arens. This morning when you were getting ready to come over to testify before this committee.

"Mr. Gaillard. This morning about ten minutes to nine at the Dunbar Hotel on 15th and U, I met Jesse Gray who is I think former regional organizer of the Communist Party in Harlem, and Jesse Gray asked me was I going to testify in favor of for the government and I tell him that I didn't know, that 'You would find out in court at ten' clock this morning'; so he asked me was I going to take the Fifth Amendment. So I told him I didn't know whether I was going to take the Fifth Amendment or not.

"And Jesse Gray told me if I testify for the government favor, he said, "I won't be able to come back in my community in Harlem because tomorrow morning he would have leaflets all over the community about me."

"For that reason I am afraid to go back to Harlem for a while.

"Mr. Arens. Did you know Jesse Gray as a member of the Communist Party during your service in the Communist Party?

"Mr. Gaillard. Yes, I know Jess Gray as a member of the Communist Party during my couple years and a half in the Communist Party.

"Mr. Arens. Jesse Gray is in the hearing room today?

"Mr. Gaillard. Yes, he is sitting right out there in the audience.

"The Chairman. Has he been subpoenaed?

"Mr. Arens. Yes, he is under subpoena.

"The Chairman. We will get to him later on.

"Mr. Arens. Would you tell us --

"The Chairman. Don't be disturbed by the threats of people of his ilk. In a country such as ours loyal people are protected, and I just want to warn these smart nobodys that there will come a day when they will appreciate the fact that they live in a republic.

"Go ahead.

"Mr. Arens. Albert, just tell us a little bit about your personal life before we get into your service in the Communist Party."

[redacted] went on in his testimony to give personal information concerning himself, outlined for the Committee the manner in which he was introduced to communism, his acceptance into the Communist Party, his work for the Party, individuals he met in the Party and finally his break with the Party.

Representative CLYDE DOYLE of California, then took over the questioning of [redacted] with reference to his threat by GRAY and interrogation of [redacted] is being set forth:

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Mr. Doyle....

"I am shocked that this Mr. Gray who is in the room here apparently, and I am anxious to meet him and see who he is--we will do that apparently a few minutes later in this hearing--I am shocked to find that in the capital city of the United States, according to your testimony, he is the agent of the Communist Party who came up and threatened you in a hotel. I am not surprised as a Communist that he would do it because that is their methods that are well known.

"But may I ask you about what he said again? I didn't quite get it clearly from you?

"Mr. Gaillard. Last night I went to the Dunbar Hotel to spend overnight because I came here since yesterday and was to testify this morning. So about a quarter to nine I got up and went and had breakfast. After I had breakfast I went to the barber shop to get a haircut but the barber shop in the hotel was not open yet. I was on my way back to my room to get dressed and I saw Mr. Gray. He was standing there by this hotel door. He had his briefcase in his hand.

"So he called me. I was talking to another Negro fellow who worked in the hotel.

"So Mr. Gray called me and I was shocked to see Mr. Gray and at this time I got frightened when I saw Mr. Gray because I know that I have to appear and I was going to be a witness this morning. So I thought maybe Mr. Gray--I thought maybe he knew I was going to witness this morning. So that is the reason I got frightened.

"So anyway he asked me. He said, "so you are the surprise witness. You are going to witness tomorrow, you who was recently a breakaway from one of the youth operations, one of the youth Communist operations in this country."

"So I said, "I am not saying yes and I am not saying no."

"I said, "I will appear in court at 10 o'clock this morning." And I said, "At this hearing you will find out what I have to say."

"He say, "You know that ever since you was in the party that I have known you very well."

"He said, "You don't have to hide anything from me."

"He said, "I want you to take the Fifth Amendment."

"He say, "Would you take the Fifth Amendment?"

"So I was trying to--I play around with him a little. I say, "If I took the Fifth Amendment what will happen to me?"

"He said, "Nothing would happen to you."

"He stand up and talk to me for seven or eight minutes and kept on telling me, "Take the Fifth Amendment."

"I said, "I am not quite sure. You will find out in court."

"So anyway he told me. He said, If I doesn't take the Fifth Amendment, he said, that he will see for sure in the-- First of all, he asked me my address. He know that I lived in Harlem somewhere around 124th Street. He know what block I live in but the exact address he doesn't know. He asked me my exact address.

"I told him that I am not giving out to anyone my address because, I said, "I am out of the Communist Party and I don't want to have anything to do with anyone who is very close to the Communist Party anymore and for this reason I refuse to give out my address."

"Gray told me again. He said, "Are you going to take the Fifth?"

"I said, "You will find out in court."

"He told me if I doesn't take the Fifth Amendment he said I would be selling out the Party and I would be selling out the Negro people.

"And I corrected Mr. Gray. I say to Mr. Gray, "If I go before this committee this morning and if I testify against the Party", I said, "I am not selling out the Negro people." I said, "because the masses of the Negro people

don't give a darn about the Communist Party".

"I said that because this testimony that I am making this morning doesn't involve the Negro people at all.

"So Mr. Gray he got on the phone. He tried to place a long-distance call to New York City to the Amsterdam News because he said he wanted this to be in the Amsterdam News when the Amsterdam News comes out tomorrow morning, and when he tried to make his call the line was busy and I left him standing at the telephone booth. He was trying to place the call again. And I went to my room.

"So when I came back out again Mr. Gray was still standing by this phone and me and Mr. Gray were walking to this cafeteria in this restaurant and he sat down. He had a cup of coffee and some toast and in the restaurant he seemed like he was trying to make me look very, very small. He started talking loud, "Why don't you take the Fifth," he said, "because you was too young to go before that committee and testify against the Party."

"So I got mad and I walked out. And I say, "I will see you in court."

"And he hadn't said anything else, but the last thing he say to me when I walked out, "If you doesn't take the fifth you will be in pretty bad shape in the Harlem community, that I will have leaflets out."

"Even if Mr. Gray don't put these leaflets out like he said, I know Mr. Gray to be a man of his word--if he say he will do something I know he will do it. For this definite reason I would not return to my address where I live at for another couple weeks anyway, because even if this committee could stop him from putting out this leaflet, I am still afraid that the word could be passed around that maybe someone would try to physically harm me.

"Mr. Doyle. May I ask you --

"Mr. Willis. What do you think he will say in the leaflet? What do you mean by that?

"Mr. Gaillard. He told me. He said in this leaflet that I will be a sellout to the Negro people and

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also he say that I will team up with the landlords because he said the big upper class is the one responsible for having these investigations and this committee is one of the worst committees in this country. That is what he said.

"Mr. Doyle. I am not surprised that he virtually ordered you to claim the Fifth Amendment privilege because our experience over the years is that that is the habit of the Communist Party and their attorneys, if the attorneys are communist, too, to instruct the witnesses to claim the Fifth Amendment.

"I think I heard you mention before something Mr. Gray said about the federal government.

"Did I hear you when you spoke a few minutes ago say that Mr. Gray had asked you something about the federal government?

"Mr. Gaillard. No. What I say, Mr. Gray he asked me, was I going to be a witness for the federal government.

"Mr. Doyle. Support what?

"Mr. Willis. For the federal government.

"Mr. Gaillard. He asked me was I going to be a witness for the federal government.

"Mr. Doyle. For the federal government.

"Mr. Gaillard. Right.

"Mr. Doyle. Well, of course, there is only one federal government in the United States and that is the Federal Government. I am not surprised either that he, as a Communist organizer, would try to get you to keep from testifying in support of your own government. That is their habit. That is what they do. They would rather have you testify in favor of Soviet Communism, not Constitutional Democracy."

JESSE GRAY, 1809 7th Avenue, New York, Executive Director of the Lower Harlem Tenants Council, testified before HCUA in public session on February 3, 1960, and the following pertinent testimony is being set out:

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"Mr. Arens. Did you hear the testimony a few moments ago of Albert Gaillard?

"Mr. Gray. Yes, I did.

"Mr. Arens. Was Mr. Gaillard giving a truthful account of the experience he had with you this morning at the hotel, the conversation he had with you?

"Mr. Gray. I had no conversation with Mr. Gaillard.

"The Chairman. Did you have breakfast this morning in the Dunbar Hotel?

"Mr. Gray. Yes, I had tea this morning.

"The Chairman. Was Albert Gaillard there in the restaurant when you were?

"Mr. Gray. I saw him in the corridor.

"The Chairman. Didn't you see him in the restaurant?

"Mr. Gray. I saw him passing through the restaurant.

"The Chairman. Then you did see him in the restaurant this morning?

"Did he stop and talk with you?

"Mr. Gray. I had no conversations.

"The Chairman. Did he stop and talk with you?

"Mr. Gray. I had no conversation.

"The Chairman. I am not asking about your conversation with him. I am asking if he made any statement to you.

"Mr. Gray. On this question, I take the Fifth.

"Mr. Arens. Do you honestly apprehend if you told this committee whether or not he talked to you you would be supplying information that might be used against you in a criminal proceeding.

"(The witness conferred with his counsel.)

"Mr. Gray. Yes.

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GRAY was questioned about his membership in the Communist Party and work with the Communist Party but refused to answer any questions and took the Fifth Amendment.

"Mr. Doyle. ...You heard him testify a few minutes ago that in the hotel lobby down there during a conversation between you and he you stepped to the phone booth after telling him you were going to call a newspaper, the Amsterdam in Harlem, so that they would publish tomorrow morning the fact that he had testified in support of the Federal Government. Is that true?

"Mr. Gray. My position remains the same. The Fifth on this one, sir.

"Mr. Doyle. The Fifth?

"Mr. Gray. Yes, sir.

"Mr. Doyle. Did you telephone this morning or try to telephone the Amsterdam newspaper in Harlem from the hotel?

"Mr. Gray. Fifth on this same question.

"Mr. Doyle. Of course, the telephone record would show that, I assume.

"Did you tell him this morning to claim the Fifth Amendment when he testified here?

"Mr. Gray. The Fifth on that question also.

"Mr. Doyle. Did you tell him in substance that there would be a meeting back in Harlem if he did not claim the Fifth and in subsequence he would not be welcome back in Harlem if he did not claim the Fifth before this committee?

"Mr. Gray. I take the Fifth on that also.

"Mr. Doyle. Did you tell him in substance that it would be claimed that he was a sell-out to the Government?

"Mr. Gray. I am sure the community will decide that, and I take the Fifth on that also."

On February 3, 1960, the following statement was furnished by

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It was necessary for [ ] to return to [ ]  
[ ] prior to the time this statement was transcribed  
and he signed it in Washington, D. C., the following day.  
At that time an additional statement was taken from him  
concerning individuals in the hotel who could have possibly  
[ ] This statement dated  
February 4, 1960, is set forth below:

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On February 15, 1960, pursuant to Bureau instructions, SAs JAMES E. REILLY and [ ] conferred with Departmental Attorney [ ] who suggested that consideration be given to conducting the following additional investigation in this case:

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(1) Determine from [ ] his wearing apparel and the wearing apparel of JESSE GRAY during the pertinent conversation between them in the lobby of the New Dunbar Hotel on the morning of February 3, 1960.

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(2) Make comparison of descriptions of GRAY and [ ] with descriptions of individuals described in the statements of [ ] on February 6, 1960.

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(3) Actual confrontation of [ ] with potential witnesses.

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(4) Determine if reported telephone call made by GRAY from the lobby of the New Dunbar Hotel went through the switchboard of this hotel and if the call is recorded on hotel records.

(5) Interview [ ] concerning the identity of the Negro hotel employee with whom he was talking during the morning of February 3, 1960, in the lobby of the New Dunbar Hotel at the time GRAY approached him. Conduct investigation to locate and interview this individual.

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INTERVIEW REPORTDate February 19, 1960

[redacted] Dunbar Hotel,  
made a check of the hotel switchboard records and advised  
that no long-distance telephone call had been made on  
February 3, 1960, to New York City, for the Amsterdam News.

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Interview with [redacted] File # 72-76  
on 2/16/60 at [redacted] Date dictated 2/18/60  
by Special Agent [redacted] /sah

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Employees of the Dunbar Hotel who were identified by [ ] as persons who might have seen him together with GRAY on the morning of February 3, 1960, were personally confronted with [ ] to determine if they recognized him as being the individual involved in an argument at the hotel on the morning of February 3, 1960.

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"Tuesday, 2/16/60  
"Washington, D. C.

[redacted]  
[redacted] make the following free and voluntary statement to [redacted] who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I understand that this statement may be used in court.

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"On this date I personally observed [redacted] known to me thru my duties as a [redacted] He is one of the two individuals I observed talking in the lobby of the New Duhrar Hotel between 8:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, February 3rd, 1960. I remember them talking about the New York Times, the Amsterdam News and one of the men saying, "I'm telling you to take the 5th Amendment." I cannot recall which of the men mentioned these words.

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"Due to my hotel experience, I'm usually able to recognize a person once he has stayed at the hotel and I think I would be able to recognize the other individual speaking with [redacted] on the morning of 2/3/60, if I saw him again.

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"I have read the foregoing statement consisting of this and one other page which I have initialed. This statement is true to the best of my knowledge.

/s/ [redacted]

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"Witnessed:

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"Special Agent, F. B. I.

[redacted]  
"Special Agent, F. B. I.

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"Washington, D. C.  
"February 16, 1960

"I. [redacted]  
[redacted] make the following voluntary  
statement to [redacted] who  
have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the  
Federal Bureau of Investigation. I understand that this  
statement may be used in court.

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"On this date, I personally observed an individual,  
identified to me as [redacted] I am unable to state  
whether this individual was one of the two Negro men I observed  
talking together in the lobby of the New Dunbar Hotel in the  
morning of February 3, 1960, between 8:30 and 9:00 a.m.

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"I have been shown a photograph of JESSE WILLARD  
GRAY by Special Agents [redacted] This was a  
different photograph of GRAY than I had been shown before.  
In this particular photograph GRAY is wearing a cap, has on  
a full length coat, and is carrying something resembling a  
newspaper in his left arm. There is a strong resemblance  
in the eyes of GRAY in this photograph to the eyes of one of  
the individuals I observed talking together in the lobby  
of the New Dunbar Hotel during the morning of February 3, 1960.  
The eyes in this photograph are the only resemblance to one of  
the two aforementioned men in the lobby of the New Dunbar  
Hotel.

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"I have read the above statement, consisting of  
this and one other page, and it is true and correct to the  
best of my knowledge. I have initialed each correction or  
alteration and placed my signature on each page.

/s/ [redacted]

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"Witnessed:

[redacted]  
"Special Agent, F. B. I.

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"Special Agent, F. B. I.

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"Wednesday, 2/17/60  
"Washington, D. C.

"I, [redacted] make the following voluntary statement to Special Agents [redacted] who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the FBI. This statement may be used in court.

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"On this day I personally observed an individual identified to me as [redacted] I recall seeing [redacted] the first time, about two weeks ago. I am not sure of the date I first saw him, but I recall that on that particular day he left me a fifty eight cent tip after I had served him breakfast.

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"I do not recall [redacted] as the individual who asked me the time on this same date.

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"I do not recall [redacted] getting into an argument with anyone in the Coffee Shop. I was shown a photograph of JESSE WILLARD GRAY, his face looks familiar with some one I have seen before, but I do not recall anything else about this person. I have read the above and it is true.

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/s/ [redacted]

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"Witnessed:

[redacted]  
"Special Agent, F. B. I.

[redacted]  
"Special Agent, F. B. I.

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"Washington, D. C.  
"February 16th, 1960

"I, [redacted]  
[redacted] make the following voluntary statement  
to [redacted] who have  
identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the FBI.  
This statement may be used in court..

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"I have been shown a photograph of one JESSE GRAY.  
I have never seen this individual before. I have personally  
observed an individual who has been identified to me as  
[redacted] I do not know [redacted] and do not  
remember him arguing with anyone in the Coffee Shop on the  
morning of Wednesday, February 3rd. I do not recall  
[redacted] asking me the time on the morning of Feb. 3rd,  
1960.

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"I have read the above statement and it is true  
to the best of my knowledge.

(This was an unsigned statement.)

[redacted] refused to sign this  
statement but admitted to Special Agents [redacted] and  
[redacted] that it was true and correct.

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The following is a description of JESSE GRAY:

Date of Birth:	May 14, 1923
Place of Birth:	Tunica, La.
Age:	36 years of age
Height:	5'6"
Weight:	140 pounds
Eyes:	Black
Hair:	Black
	Small mustache
Race:	Negro

The following is a description of victim

[REDACTED]

Date of Birth:  
Place of Birth:  
Height:  
Weight:  
Complexion:  
Hair:

Race:  
Marital Status:  
Address:

Occupation:

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### WASHINGTON REPORT

BY FULTON LEWIS, JR.

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 21 -- Albert Gaillard is a 20-year-old Negro youth amid the seething discontent of Harlem in New York City.

Or, more properly, he used to be. He is in hiding at present; you might call it "protective anonymity."

He has a room and a job as a porter, away from New York, and his story is worth telling, first because it is of credit to him and second because it is of credit to his people. And third, because it provides an authentic object lesson in Communist tactics and techniques among the colored people.

Albert Gaillard left his home in Charleston, S.C., at the age of 17 and joined the Communist Party in Harlem in a sincere effort to help his fellow Negroes.

In two years he was a top organizer of youth groups -- rabble-rousing, trouble-making, circulating phony petitions for signatures of Saturday night drunks outside Harlem bars.

He was sent back home to Charleston to recruit new converts there and to distribute hundreds of dollars worth of inflammatory pamphlets among his old associates. He was to get the names and addresses of each customer so the party could amass a mailing list of potential members.

But it didn't work.

"I went to different Negro churches, but everywhere I went with the books, to my surprise, the people turned me down because they knew what I was trying to sell. They told me that the way I was talking, I sounded like a Communist. And Negroes know that Communism hasn't got no room for God or religion."

The crowning disillusionment came back in Harlem, when he was assigned to a police-baiting mission in which some of his friends were sold out. His immediate party leader, Ben Davis, Jr., told him:

"It doesn't matter if one or two Negroes are hurt as long as it serves the aims of the party."

It was then that Albert Gaillard contacted the FBI and wrote the House Un-American Activities Committee. The committee brought him to Washington along with the various party members he had identified.

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One of them warned him before he went on the witness stand:

"If you don't take the Fifth, you'll be in bad shape in the Harlem community."

But he told his story anyway and went back home. Even while the others were still in Washington, waiting to testify next day, the word had gone out about him. People confronted him on the street, vilified him, accused him of being a traitor to his race. Next morning he found he had been fired from his job.

Partly out of defiance, partly out of curiosity, he went back to Washington and sat in the hearing room while the others put on a procession of Fifth Amendment pleas. One of them, Paul Robeson, Jr., also took the First, Thirteenth, Fourteenth and Fifteenth. And all glared hatred at Albert Gaillard.

When it was over, they ganged around him in the corridor with a babel of tongue lashing, the publishable epithets including "skum ... skunk ... haven't you any guts? ... stoolie ..."

Paul Robeson, Jr., with more refined and erudite background, publicly accused him of having accepted pay from the committee to testify against the party.

"Paid?" replied Gaillard. "Yes, Paul, I was paid. But in a different way than you think. My pay is that my mind doesn't hurt me any more. Tonight when I go to bed, I can get the first good night's sleep I've had in more than two years."

Committee Chairman Francis Walter heard of the incident, ordered "that Albert Gaillard be continued under this subpoena so that your status now, until we call you again, is that of a government witness." Any threats or violence against him would constitute a Federal offense.

And the comrades want no part of the FBI.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (72-1237)

DATE: 2/25/60

FROM : SAC, WFO (72-76)

SUBJECT: JESSE WILLIARD GRAY, aka  
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Jesse Gray:[REDACTED]  
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There are enclosed for the Bureau and the New York Office two copies each of a report of SA [REDACTED] dated as above at Washington, D. C., in captioned matter.

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It is felt that the following are logical leads that should be pursued by the New York Office in connection with the investigation:

1. Attempt to determine through established sources in the Harlem area whether leaflets were distributed by JESSE GRAY as stated by him to [REDACTED] on February 3, 1960.

2. Interview JESSE GRAY an SI subject of the New York Office concerning this matter.

3. Upon determination that a long-distance call actually was made to the Amsterdam News, consideration be given to interviewing [REDACTED] a reporter for this newspaper to determine if GRAY spoke to him about [REDACTED] testifying and the full nature of GRAY's conversation with him.

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In view of the close working relationship between the Bureau and the Department of Justice on this case, and further because the subject of this investigation is on the Security Index of the New York Office, it is felt that Bureau approval should be obtained prior to conducting the outlined investigation in New York City.

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STAT. SECT.

~~Mr. Tolson~~  
~~Mr. Belmont~~  
1 - Mr. Bland  
1 - Mr. Floyd

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**TO: SACS, WASHINGTON FIELD (72-76)**  
**NEW YORK**

**FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (72-1237)**

**JESSE WILLIARD GRAY, [REDACTED] OBSTRUCTION OF**  
**JUSTICE**

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**Re WFO letter and report 2/25/60.**

**WFO immediately cover remaining leads set out in rerep and furnish results to the Bureau in form suitable for dissemination.**

**New York conduct appropriate investigation to determine whether the leaflets referred to in relet were distributed. Furnish the results to the Bureau immediately. In addition, determine through established sources whether the "Amsterdam News" has carried an item concerning the testimony of [REDACTED] as referred to in rerep.**

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**New York hold in abeyance leads 2 and 3 set forth in relet suggesting interviews with Jesse Gray and with [REDACTED] of the "Amsterdam News." Upon receipt of results from WFO, New York will be further advised concerning the desirability of additional investigation. Handle immediately.**

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**NOTE ON YELLOW:**

**On 2/3/60 [REDACTED] and Gray testified before HCUA concerning CP youth matters. [REDACTED] was cooperative and Gray invoked Fifth Amendment. In his testimony [REDACTED] alleged that on 2/3/60, prior to the HCUA hearings, Jesse Gray told him he had better "Take the Fifth Amendment or else." Department requested investigation and has stated a**

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*Jesse Williard Gray,*

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*violation of the Obstruction of Justice Statute apparently existed. Relet sets out above leads for New York but requested New York to hold them in abeyance pending instructions from the Bureau. Two leads remaining for WFO consist of determining if Gray placed a call on 2/3/60 to the "Amsterdam News" and the identification of an individual Gaillard says he talked to on the morning of 2/3/60.*

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: 2/18/60

FROM : W. M. Mooney

1-Mr. Belmont; 1-Mr. Floyd;  
1-Mr. Kemper; 1-Mr. Mooney;  
1-100-429738

JESSE GRAY;

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]  
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE  
Bureau file 7291237

- Tolson
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- Belmont
- Callahan
- DeLoach
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At 2:35 a.m. instant, [REDACTED]

D. C., telephonically contacted the writer and advised that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] further stated [REDACTED]

She was advised the FBI could offer her no advice concerning whether or not this individual was dangerous, or whether or not she would be prejudicing her good health and welfare in being seen with him.

On 2/3/60 [REDACTED] testified as a cooperative witness before the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) hearings concerning youth matters. [REDACTED] has alleged that immediately prior to the hearings, Jesse Gray, who also testified and invoked the Fifth Amendment, had told him that he had better "take the Fifth Amendment or else." At the request of the Department, an investigation of the Obstruction of Justice allegation was instituted. The Department advised there was an apparent violation of the Obstruction of Justice statute and efforts

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Memorandum for Mr. Belmont

RE: JESSE GRAY; [redacted] OOJ

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are being made to determine the existence of possible witnesses.

[redacted] is about [redacted] years of age [redacted]

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He was interviewed by Bureau Agents in 1958 and appeared cooperative. He later told at least 2 individuals of his contact with FBI. Thereafter no efforts were made to [redacted]

[redacted] He is now reportedly employed by [redacted]

RECOMMENDATION:

(1) That the above information be furnished to the Department of Justice since the Obstruction of Justice (OOJ) investigation currently being conducted is at their request.

*Memo. being prepared - jst*

(2) That the above information be made available to the Washington Field Office, which is currently conducting the OOJ investigation.

*Supv. Surley, WFO  
was so advised jst*

(3) That Mr. DeLoach's Office make this information available to the HCUA.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office <b>WASHINGTON FIELD</b>	Office of Origin <b>WASHINGTON FIELD</b>	Date <b>3/3/60</b>	Investigative Period <b>2/19-3/3/60</b>
TITLE OF CASE <b>JESSE WILLIARD GRAY aka:</b> [REDACTED]		Report made by [REDACTED]	Typed By: <b>MJI</b> b6 b7C
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE</b>	

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## REFERENCE

Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 2/25/60.

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## ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

On 2/26/60, [REDACTED] advised SA WILFRED L. BERGERON that there was [REDACTED]

All leads in WDC have been covered and WFO will await the outcome of pending investigation in NYC.

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Approved <i>JHG</i>	Special Agent In Charge	Do not write in spaces below	
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INFORMANT

WF T-1 is

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The person to whom a subpoena should be directed is

[REDACTED]

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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

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Report of:

Date:

Office: Washington, D. C.

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Field Office File No.:

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Bureau File No.: 72-1237

Title:

JESSE WILLIARD GRAY;

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Character:

OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE

Synopsis:

[redacted] identified on 2/19/60 by [redacted]  
as the individual [redacted] on the morning [redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted] interviewed 2/19/60, recalled conversation  
with [redacted] about two weeks earlier, between 8 a.m. and  
9 a.m., but could not identify photograph of JESSE GRAY or  
furnish any information about him or any individual having  
conversation with [redacted] that morning. No record of any  
[redacted]

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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

On February 19, 1960, [redacted] identified  
[redacted] New Dunbar Hotel, as the  
individual he was talking with on the morning [redacted]  
[redacted]

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[redacted] New Dunbar Hotel,  
15th and U Streets, N. W. was interviewed on February 19,  
1960, by Special Agents [redacted]  
[redacted]

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[redacted] said that about two weeks earlier, either  
Tuesday or Wednesday morning, between 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.,  
he was standing in the front entrance of the hotel waiting  
for a friend to return his [redacted] car, which he had  
loaned him. He remembers talking with [redacted] and also that

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someone called to [redacted] walked off and left him. However, [redacted] could furnish no information regarding the identity of this individual; he could furnish no description of him, nor could he identify a photograph of JESSE GRAY as being in the lobby or as an individual that he had ever seen previously.

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[redacted] is employed by [redacted]  
[redacted] The address for [redacted]  
[redacted] is [redacted]  
The address for [redacted] is [redacted]  
[redacted]

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On February 26, 1960, WF T-1 advised that [redacted]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. 72-76

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

March 3, 1960

JESSE WILLIARD GRAY:

OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE

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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent  
[redacted] dated and captioned as above.

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The informant utilized in this report has furnished  
reliable information in the past.

Very truly yours,  
Special Agent in Charge

FBI

Date: 3/3/60

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(Priority or Method of Mailing)

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Parsons	_____
Mr. Belmont	✓
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Malone	_____
Mr. McGuire	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tamm	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Mr. W.C. Sullivan	_____
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Mr. Ingram	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (72-1237)

FROM: SAC, WFO (72-76)

JESSE GRAY

[REDACTED]  
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE  
(OO:WFO)

On 3/3/60, [REDACTED] HCUA.  
advised SA [REDACTED]  
Patronage Office, told him that GRAY was to be released on  
2/29/60. from his position with the [REDACTED] at the  
[REDACTED] for failure to perform duties assigned  
to him.

[REDACTED] said it was some unpleasant cleaning  
assignment which [REDACTED] REFUSED.

[REDACTED] advised [REDACTED] said that [REDACTED]  
told some colored boys with whom he was working that the  
Government was paying him \$18.00 a day so he could report  
to the FBI. Actually according to [REDACTED]  
was paid about \$12.00 a day. [REDACTED] attempted to  
contact [REDACTED] at the [REDACTED] on Tuesday, 3/1/60,  
and was unable to reach him. [REDACTED] is still under HCUA  
subpoena. He was asked if the firing of [REDACTED] had been  
cleared with the Committee: he said he was sure that it had been.

For info of Bureau, [REDACTED] was cautioned by SAs  
[REDACTED] on 2/16/60,  
not to discuss this case with anyone, and again on 2/19/60,  
he was advised not to discuss [REDACTED] his relation-  
ship with the FBI with anyone. [REDACTED] agreed to abide by  
these instructions. REC-68

Above for info.

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Date: 3/7/60

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (72-1237)

FROM: SAC, WFO (72-76)

JESSE WILLIARD GRAY. aka:

[REDACTED]  
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE  
(OO: WFO)ReWFOairtel 3/3/60, which stated that [REDACTED]  
was to be released from his position with the [REDACTED]  
at the [REDACTED]On 3/7/60, [REDACTED] HCUA, advised SA  
[REDACTED] that [REDACTED] Patronage Office,  
told him that [REDACTED] was discharged on 2/29/60, and is not  
now employed by the Government.P  
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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

James H. Gale  
Special Agent in Charge

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-429738)

3/3/60

SAC, NEW YORK (100-136277)

[REDACTED]

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Rebulet to NY, dated 2/16/60, with copy to WFO.

Rebulet stated that information had been received in the case "JESSE GRAY; [REDACTED] OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE", which reflected that [REDACTED] was presently residing in [REDACTED] and that an FD-128 should be submitted changing the office of origin.

A review of the case "JESSE GRAY; [REDACTED] OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE" (Bufile 72-1237)(WFO 72-76) (NY 72-117) reflects that [REDACTED] had formerly resided at [REDACTED] with [REDACTED] and that [REDACTED] was formerly employed at [REDACTED] and that [REDACTED] advised SAs [REDACTED] on 2/3/60, that he was in [REDACTED] to accept a position with the [REDACTED] which position was offered to [REDACTED] by [REDACTED].

The subject was removed from the Security Index of the NYO by NY letter to Bureau, dated 6/9/59, in view of his cooperation with the FBI in furnishing information

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concerning his CP activities and the CP activities of his associates and his severance of all connections with the CP.

The subject appeared before the House Committee On Un-American Activities, Washington, D.C., during early February, 1960, as a cooperative witness.

An FD-128 has been submitted changing the office of origin in this case to the WFO, and pertinent reports have been furnished to WFO along with photographs of the subject, which appeared in the "NY Mirror", a daily NYC newspaper, dated 2/20/60. AUC.

1 - Mr. Parsons  
1 - Mr. Belmont  
1 - Mr. Bland  
1 - Mr. Floyd

March 10, 1960

Assistant Attorney General  
J. Walter Yeagley

REC-98 Director, FBI 72-1237-23

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JESSE WILLIARD GRAY

OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE

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Reference is made to previous correspondence in this matter.

It is noted that Jesse Gray allegedly threatened to telephonically advise the "Amsterdam News" that in his testimony before the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA), [redacted] was "selling out the Negro people." Gray also allegedly threatened to have leaflets passed out in the Harlem area of New York City criticizing [redacted] for appearing as a cooperative witness before the HCUA.

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Editions of the "Amsterdam News" for the month of February, 1960, have been reviewed and nothing was located therein concerning the above testimony of [redacted]

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In addition, a check of appropriate informants of the Harlem area of New York City was made and none were able to furnish any information concerning the leaflets referred to above.

Jesse Gray also appeared as a witness before the HCUA on February 3, 1960. In his testimony Gray invoked the Fifth Amendment on numerous occasions concerning his past activities and the threats which he allegedly made [redacted] Therefore, no interview of Gray is contemplated. It is noted that in connection with another case, "Jesse Williard Gray, Security Matter - C," Gray was contacted by an Agent of this Bureau on January 15, 1959, at which time Gray exhibited a completely uncooperative and hostile attitude.

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No further investigation is contemplated in the absence of a specific request from the Department. An opinion is requested as to whether the available facts in this case form a suitable basis for prosecution under the Obstruction of Justice Statute.

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Handwritten signatures and initials, including "JTB" and "A. J. B."

Assistant Attorney General  
J. Walter Yeagley

NOTE ON YELLOW:

On 2-3-60 [ ] testified as a cooperative witness before HCUA hearing concerning youth matters. He was a cooperative witness and alleged that prior to his testimony Jesse Gray, who also testified and who invoked the Fifth Amendment, had told him that he had better "take the Fifth Amendment or else;" Department requested investigation. Results of other investigations previously have been furnished the Department. The above information which was furnished by New York completes investigation.

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Date: 3/4/60

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (72-1237)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (72-117)

SUBJECT: JESSE WILLIARD GRAY, [REDACTED]

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ReBuairtel, 3/1/60, and WFO rep of SA [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] 2/25/60.

The following informants of the NYO were  
contacted on the dates indicated in the Harlem area  
of NYC:

InformantDate of Contact[REDACTED]

The above informants were contacted by  
SA KENNETH J. HUNNEMEDER

On [REDACTED] was contacted by  
SA JOHN A. HAAG.

On [REDACTED] PCI [REDACTED] was contacted  
by SA LEONARD H. MC COY at 114th St. & 8th Ave., NYC.

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Letter to Yeagley  
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None of the above informants were able to furnish information concerning distribution of leaflets in the Harlem area of NYC referred to in referenced report.

On 3/3/60, copies of the "Amsterdam News", a weekly newspaper, were located in the Schomburg Collection at 193 West 135th St., NYC, by SA LEONARD H. MC COY.

Editions dated 1/30, 2/6, 2/13, 2/20 and 2/27/60, were reviewed by SA LEONARD H. MC COY and no item was located therein concerning the testimony of [redacted] re referenced report.

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It was noted that each issue contained a column captioned "Another Angle" by JAMES L. HICKS. A J.L. HICKS is also listed in the paper as "Executive Editor".

The issue of 2/6/60, also contains an article captioned "Tenants Fight Eviction" which mentioned that JESSE GRAY, Director of the Lower Harlem Tenants Council had sent a telegram to Mayor ROBERT F. WAGNER and enlisted the aid of Congressman ADAM CLAYTON POWELL to halt the eviction of 557 families in the lower Harlem area of NY by order of the NYC Housing Authority.

Additional leads will be held in abeyance  
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1 - Mr. Parsons  
1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Belmont  
1 - Mr. Bland  
1 - Mr. Floyd

March 9, 1960

Assistant Attorney General  
Walter Teagley

Director, FBI

JESSE GRAY

OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE

Reference is made to previous correspondence in this matter.

Information has been received that [redacted] was dismissed from his employment with the [redacted] at the [redacted] on February 29, 1960, for failure to perform duties in connection with an unpleasant assignment.

Inasmuch as [redacted] is the [redacted], it is also pointed out that [redacted] reportedly told some of his fellow employees on the [redacted] that the "Government" was paying him \$18 per day so he could "report to the FBI." For your additional information, Mr. Robert Goldsborough of the House Committee on Un-American Activities has advised that [redacted] for his services. [redacted] has never received any funds from the FBI.

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

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On 2-3-60 [redacted] testified as a cooperative witness before the HCUA hearings concerning youth matters. [redacted] was a cooperative witness and alleged that prior to his testimony Jesse Gray, who also testified and invoked the Fifth Amendment, had told him that he had better "take the Fifth Amendment or else." Department requested investigation and stated a violation of the Obstruction of Justice Statute apparently existed. It is believed that above information should be furnished the Department, inasmuch as it affects the credibility of the [redacted]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: 3/25/60

FROM : Mr. Bland

SUBJECT: JESSE WILLIARD GRAY

OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE

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 1 - Mr. Belmont  
 1 - Mr. Bland  
 1 - Mr. Kitchens  
 1 - Mr. Haack

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[redacted] of the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA), advised on 2/3/60 that [redacted] was threatened by Jesse Gray, an uncooperative witness, prior to HCUA hearing on 2/3/60 concerning communist youth matters. [redacted] testified under oath on 2/3/60 that Jesse Gray, former regional organizer for the Communist Party (CP) in Harlem, asked him that morning in the Dunbar Hotel to take the Fifth Amendment. He testified that Gray told him that if he testified in favor of the Government he would not be able to return to Harlem. Gray, in his testimony on same date, admitted that he had seen [redacted] in the Hotel that morning but denied having any conversation with him. Gray refused to answer other questions by resorting to the protection of the Fifth Amendment. Extensive investigation revealed that other individuals in the lobby of the Hotel did not overhear Gray threaten [redacted]

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[redacted] was formerly active in a CP youth group in New York. He was interviewed on several occasions beginning in February, 1959, and furnished information concerning his past communist activities. He was never developed as an informant in view of indications of instability plus the fact that he advised Army Intelligence and other individuals that he was talking to the FBI. He was dismissed on 2/29/60 from his employment with [redacted] for failure to perform duties in connection with an unpleasant cleaning assignment.

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Jesse Gray was a CP organizer in August, 1958, and is included in the Security Index. He has been active in communist affairs since the early 1940's. The Department advised that, in view of the paucity of direct corroborative evidence to substantiate the allegations of [redacted] and the fact that some doubt has been raised as to the credibility of [redacted] it is of the opinion that prosecution is not warranted.

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RECOMMENDATION:

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That Mr. DeLoach's office advise the HCUA of the Department's opinion.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office <b>WASHINGTON FIELD</b>	Office of Origin <b>WASHINGTON FIELD</b>	Date <b>3/31/60</b>	Investigative Period <b>3/30/60</b>
TITLE OF CASE <b>JESSE WILLIARD GRAY, aka:</b> [Redacted]		Report made by [Redacted]	Typed By: jmm b6 b7C
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE</b>	

Synopsis:

## REFERENCE:

Report of SA [Redacted] dated 3/3/60.

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## ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

A copy of this report is being submitted to the New York Office for information.

Approved <i>[Signature]</i>	Special Agent In Charge	Do not write in spaces below
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Report of: [REDACTED]

Office: WASHINGTON, D.C.

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Date: March 31, 1960

Field Office File No.: 72-76

Bureau File No.: 72-1237

Title:

JESSE WILLIARD GRAY:  
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Character:

OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE

Synopsis:

On 3/22/60 Mr. J. WALTER YEAGLEY, Assistant Attorney General, Internal Security Division, Department of Justice, advised that prosecution was not warranted at this time.

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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

On 3/22/60 Mr. J. WALTER YEAGLEY, Assistant Attorney General, Internal Security Division, Department of Justice, directed a letter to the Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, advising that in view of the paucity of direct corroborative evidence to substantiate the allegations of [REDACTED] and the fact that some doubt had arisen as to the credibility of [REDACTED] it was the opinion of that Division that prosecution was not warranted at this time. He stated that if additional evidence became available this matter would receive further consideration.

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1 - Mr. Haack  
1 - Mr. Kitchens

SAC, New York (72-117)

April 8, 1960

REC-68 Director, FBI (72-1237)-27

JESSE WILLIAM GRAY

OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE

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Reurairtel 4/1/60.

No additional investigation desired since Department declined prosecution. A copy of the Department's opinion has been furnished you separately.

1 - Washington Field (72-76)

NOTE ON YELLOW:

On 2/3/60, [redacted] Gray testified before HCUA concerning CP youth matters. [redacted] was cooperative and Gray invoked Fifth Amendment. In his testimony [redacted] alleged that on 2/3/60, prior to HCUA hearing, Gray told him he had better "take the Fifth Amendment or else." Investigation conducted at request of Department and subsequently Department declined prosecution. New York was advised by letter dated 3/1/60 to hold coverage of leads to interview subject and to interview a reporter of the "Amsterdam News" in abeyance. Since Department declined prosecution, there is no necessity for coverage of leads.

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Date: 4/1/60

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (72-1237)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (72-117)

SUBJECT: JESSE WILLIARD GRAY aka:

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Re WFO airtel to Bureau, 2/25/60, Bureau airtel to NY, 3/1/60 and NY airtel to Bureau, 3/4/60.

Referenced WFO airtel set forth three leads requesting coverage by the NYO in the captioned matter. Bureau airtel to NY, 3/1/60, advised that two leads should be held in abeyance until further advised concerning the desirability of additional investigation.

The Bureau is requested to instruct the NYO concerning the desirability of further investigation in this matter per referenced WFO airtel.

3-Bureau (72-1237)  
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Approved: 7/17  
Special Agent in Charge

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: March 22, 1960

FROM : J. Walter Yeagley, Assistant Attorney General  
Internal Security Division

SUBJECT: JESSE WILLIARD GRAY

OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. DeLoach	
Mr. Casper	
Mr. Callahan	
Mr. Conrad	
Mr. Felt	
Mr. Gale	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Sullivan	
Mr. Tavel	
Mr. Trotter	
Tele. Room	
Mr. Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

Reference is made to your memorandum dated March 10, 1960, in which you requested an opinion as to whether the available facts in this case formed a suitable basis for prosecution.

A review of the available information reveals that there is only one individual who can testify that [redacted] had a conversation with a male negro in the lobby of the Dunbar Hotel on February 3, 1960. This individual is [redacted] who is a [redacted] can testify that he heard pertinent words and phrases during the conversation but cannot recall which person used them. He has been unable to identify photographs of Gray as being those of the person who talked with [redacted]

[redacted] on duty at the Dunbar Hotel on the morning of February 3, 1960, recalls a conversation between two male negroes, apparently Gray and [redacted] but she heard none of it and has been unable to identify either Gray or [redacted] as being the participants.

In our review of this matter consideration has been given to your memoranda dated February 19, and March 9, 1960, which indicated that [redacted] may not be completely trustworthy.

In view of the paucity of direct corroborative evidence to substantiate the allegations of [redacted] and the fact that some doubt has been raised as to the credibility of [redacted] it is the opinion of this Division that prosecution is not warranted at this time. If, however, any additional evidence becomes available this matter will receive further consideration.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

*s.t.*  
*esa* Memorandum
TO : Mr. McGuire *JBm*DATE: *4-5-60*FROM : W. G. Eames *JBE*SUBJECT: *Tesse Gray*

The attached *HCUA* has been received in the Records Branch, appropriately initialed, and indicated for file. By use of instant transmittal memorandum, all necessary recording and indexing will be accomplished. It is to be noted this form is for internal use only within the Records Branch, principally by the Routing Unit where bulky material not accompanied by memorandum is usually received.

The enclosure, if bulky and not usually filed with other papers in file, may be detached but this action should be clearly noted under the word "Enclosure."

Enclosure *mf**72-1237-29*

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Date: 6/13/60

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (72-1237)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (72-117)

SUBJECT: CHANGED  
JESSE WILLARD GRAY:

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The title of this communication is marked "changed" to reflect the additional names of [REDACTED]

Rerep of SA [REDACTED] 3/31/60, at WFO.

On 6/7/60, at 9:40 PM, [REDACTED] telephonically notified the NYO that he had been "jumped" by five individuals in the Greenwich Village area of NYC. [REDACTED] stated that he recognized one of his attackers as [REDACTED] and a [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] gave no additional information re his alleged assault and was advised that he should come to the NYO and furnish additional information on this matter or leave an address where he could be contacted. [REDACTED] gave his address as [REDACTED]

Attempts were made to contact [REDACTED] at the above address on 6/8,9, 10,11,13/60. A neighborhood investigation in this vicinity also failed to reveal [REDACTED] whereabouts. [REDACTED] has not appeared nor called the NYO since the initial contact of 6/7/60.

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It is noted per referenced report in opinion of Assistant Attorney General J. WALTER YEAGLEY, Internal Security Division, Department of Justice, that "some doubt had arisen as to the creditability of [redacted]"

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Inasmuch as [redacted] has made no additional effort to contact the NYO and can't be located at the [redacted] address, no additional investigation is being conducted in this matter.

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TO LEGAT'S MEXICO CITY 937  
OTTAWA 242  
FROM DIRECTOR FBI

1 - Foreign Liaison Unit

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UNSUB, AKA. JIMMY; THREAT TO BOMB U. N. BUILDING,  
JULY FOUR, SIXTYSIX; [REDACTED] - INFORMANT; BM - THREATS.

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AGENCY [REDACTED] AND ADVISED [REDACTED]

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GENERAL MANAGER OF TORONTO, CANADA, BASEBALL CLUB, NEAR HOTEL  
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RIGHTS MOVEMENT.

VIA CABLEGRAM

APR 25 1966

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RE: UNSUB, AKA. JIMMY

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[REDACTED] BELIEVES JIMMY QUOTE KOOK UNQUOTE BUT COULD BE SERIOUS AND FELT INFORMATION SHOULD BE FURNISHED AUTHORITIES.

[REDACTED]

ATTEMPT TO DEVELOP ANY INFORMATION DESIRED.

CABLEGRAM LEGATS MEX  
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RE: UNSUB, AKA. JIMMY

MEXICO CITY ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY AND INTERVIEW UNSUB  
FOR ALL PERTINENT DETAILS REGARDING MEETING, WHO SPONSORED,  
WHO ATTENDED AND IDENTITY OF THOSE ALLEGEDLY INVOLVED, ETC.

OTTAWA, AT TORONTO, ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY UNSUB, AKA.  
JIMMY. KEEP BUREAU FULLY ADVISED.

NOTE:

It is felt that this lead involving alleged series of bombings across the U. S. 7/4/66 and threat to U. N. Building is of sufficient importance to have Bureau Agents in Mexico handle.

The Bureau library does not subscribe to "Ebony Magazine" or "Negro Digest." A lead is being set out to Chicago to have "Ebony Magazine" and "Negro Digest" checked for identity of unsub.

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4/26/66

CABLEGRAM

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TO LEGAT MEXICO CITY

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FROM DIRECTOR *REC-174-542-2*

JAMES MICHAEL LEATHERER; THREAT TO BOMB U.N. BUILDING,  
JULY FOUR SIXTYSIX;  - INFORMANT; RM - THREATS;  
OO: NY.

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REBUCAB APRIL TWENTY-FIVE LAST CAPTIONED AS ABOVE EXCEPT  
SUBJECT SHOWN AS "UNSUB, AKA. JIMMY,"

CHICAGO DIVISION ADVISED SUBJECT OBVIOUSLY IDENTICAL  
WITH UNSUB, AKA. JIMMY. LEATHERER KNOWN TO HAVE PARTICIPATED  
IN FREEDOM MARCH, SELMA, ALABAMA, AND PREVIOUSLY TO HAVE BEEN  
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC) STAFF MEMBER.  
DURING MARCH SIXTYSIX LEATHERER IN CONTACT WITH CHICAGO OFFICE  
CLAIMING DISENCHANTMENT WITH FREEDOM MOVEMENT AND EXPRESSED  
CONCERN MOVEMENT INFILTRATED WITH "SUBVERSIVES." HE VOLUNTEERED  
TO BE OF ASSISTANCE TO FBI, STATING IF ASSISTANCE ACCEPTED  
DESIRED REMUNERATION INASMUCH AS UNEMPLOYED AND LIVING ON  
CHARITY OF FRIENDS. STATED NO LONGER WORKING FOR SCLC,  
DESCRIBED WHITE MALE, BORN DECEMBER THIRTY, NINETEEN THIRTY,  
MERRILL, MICHIGAN, FIVE FEET EIGHT, ONE SEVENTY-FIVE POUNDS.

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**CABLEGRAM LEGAT MEX**

**RE: JAMES MICHAEL LEATHERER**

**RIGHT LEG AMPUTATED AT HIP. CHICAGO DIVISION ADVISED  
APRIL TWENTY-TWO LAST LEATHERER BELIEVED TO BE IN  
ACAPULCO, MEXICO, ON VACATION. BUFILES REVEAL LEATHERER  
ARRESTED FOURTEEN TIMES IN PAST TEN YEARS FOR MISDEMEANORS  
SUCH AS DISORDERLY CONDUCT, OBSTRUCTING TRAFFIC, RESISTING  
ARREST. BULK OF ARRESTS IN CONNECTION WITH CIVIL RIGHTS  
ACTIVITIES. LEATHERER CO-LEADER CIVIL RIGHTS MARCH  
JUNE NINETEEN, SIXTYFIVE, CHICAGO WITH DICK GREGORY AT WHICH  
TIME ALLEGATIONS OF POLICE BRUTALITY MADE AGAINST CHICAGO  
POLICE AND SUBJECT WAS ONE OF VICTIMS. HE ALLEGED DURING  
ARREST HIS CRUTCHES WERE BROKEN AND WRIST TWISTED.**

**ABOVE FOR INFORMATION TO ASSIST IN INTERVIEW REQUESTED  
IN RECAP. KEEP BUREAU FULLY INFORMED. COPY MAILED NY.**

**SEE NOTE PAGE THREE**

NOTE:

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TO DIRECTOR AND NEW YORK

NEW YORK VIA WASHINGTON - ENCODED  
FROM CHICAGO 260307

"CHANGED" JAMES MICHAEL LEATHERER, THREAT TO BOMB U.N. BUILDING,  
JULY 4, 1966: [REDACTED] - INFORMANT: BM - THREATS. OO: NY.

REBUTEL APRIL 25 INSTANT CAPTIONED AS ABOVE EXCEPT SUBJECT  
SHOWN "UNSUB <sup>Q</sup>JIMMY" AND BUAIRTEL TO CG DATED APRIL 19 LAST  
CAPTIONED JAMES MICHAEL LEATHERER, POSSIBLE RACIAL INFORMANT  
(NO CC NY).

TITLE CHANGED TO SHOW SUBJECT AS JAMES MICHAEL LEATHERER,  
OBVIOUSLY IDENTICAL WITH UNSUB. LEATHERER KNOWN TO HAVE PAR-  
TICIPATED IN FREEDOM MARCH, SELMA, ALABAMA, AND PREVIOUSLY TO  
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DURING MARCH LAST LEATHERER IN CONTACT WITH FBI CHICAGO  
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CONCERN MOVEMENT INFILTRATED WITH "SUBVERSIVES". LEATHERER

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VOLUNTEERED TO BE OF ASSISTANCE TO FBI STATING IF ASSISTANCE ACCEPTED HE DESIRED RENUMERATION INASMUCH AS UNEMPLOYED AND LIVING ON CHARITY OF FRIENDS. LEATHERER STATED AT THIS TIME HE WAS NO LONGER WORKING FOR SCLC.

LEATHERER DESCRIBED WHITE MALE, BORN DECEMBER 30, 1930, MERRILL, MICH., FIVE FEET EIGHT INCHES, 175 POUNDS, RIGHT LEG AMPUTATED AT HIP.

CG. ADVISED APRIL 22 LAST THAT LEATHERER BELIEVED TO BE IN ACAPULCO, MEXICO, ON VACATION.

IN VIEW OF ABOVE, EBONY NOT BEING CONTACTED AT THIS TIME.

BU FURNISH LEGAT, MEXICO CITY FOR ASSISTANCE IN LOCATING AND INTERVIEWING LEATHERER.

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TO SAC CHICAGO

FROM DIRECTOR FBI

UNSUB, AKA. <sup>①</sup>JIMMY; THREAT TO BOMB U. N. BUILDING,

JULY FOUR, SIXTYSIX; [REDACTED] - INFORMANT; BM - THREATS,

OO: NY.

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[REDACTED] WILL

ATTEMPT TO DEVELOP ANY INFORMATION DESIRED.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION  
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**RE: UNSUB, AKA. JIMMY**

**CHICAGO IMMEDIATELY ASCERTAIN FROM HEADQUARTERS OF EBONY MAGAZINE AND NEGRO DIGEST WHETHER UNSUB HAS WRITTEN FOR THESE MAGAZINES AS ALLEGED AND OBTAIN BACKGROUND ON UNSUB AND SET OUT APPROPRIATE LEAD TO HAVE HIM INTERVIEWED. LEGAT MEXICO CITY HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO ATTEMPT TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW UNSUB. COPIES MAILED NEW YORK AND SAN ANTONIO.**

**NEW YORK HOLD IN ABEYANCE ADVISING APPROPRIATE STATE, LOCAL, MILITARY INTELLIGENCE AUTHORITIES, SECURITY AT U. N. AND SECRET SERVICE.**

**NOTE:**

**New York is being instructed to hold notification of all appropriate authorities in this matter as it is felt that unsub can be readily identified and interviewed and the alleged series of bombings are not to take place until 7/4/66. The Bureau library does not subscribe to "Ebony Magazine" or "Negro Digest." Our relations with Johnson Publications that publish Ebony and Negro Digest have been favorable.**

**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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174-312-4  
TO SAC CHICAGO

FROM DIRECTOR FBI

JAMES MICHAEL LEATHERER; THREAT TO BOMB UNITED NATIONS  
BUILDING, JULY FOUR SIXTYSIX; [REDACTED] - INFORMANT;

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BM - THREATS; OO: NY.

REURTEL APRIL TWENTY-FIVE LAST.

LEGAT MEXICO CITY REQUESTS PHOTOGRAPH OF SUBJECT. IF  
YOU HAVE PHOTOGRAPH AVAILABLE, FORWARD AMSD BUREAU, ATTENTION  
CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION. COPY MAILED NEW YORK.

1/c - New York

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NOTE

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civil rights movement. Chicago identified unknown subject  
as James Michael Leatherer, former staff worker for the  
Southern Christian Leadership Conference, an organization headed  
by Martin Luther King, Jr.

Mexico City requested photograph of subject. No  
photograph could be located in Bureau files.

VIA RADIOGRAM

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STATE OF

URGENT 4-27-66

TO DIRECTOR

FROM LEGAT MEXICO CITY NO. 895

①  
JAMES MICHAEL LEATHERER; THREAT TO BOMB UNITED NATIONS  
BUILDING JULY 4, 1966.

NYC NY.

[REDACTED] - INFORMANT; BM - THREATS.

REBUCAB APRIL 26 LAST.

INVESTIGATION MEXICO CITY INDICATES SUBJECT WAS  
RESIDING HOTEL TRIGALLES, MOSQUETA 38, MEXICO CITY BUT LEFT  
APRIL 25 LAST WITH NO FORWARDING ADDRESS. MENTIONED GOING  
TO GUATEMALA BUT NO RECORD LOCATED ON FLIGHTS TO GUATEMALA.  
TRIP DUBIOUS AS SUBJECT IN REDUCED CIRCUMSTANCES AND LEFT  
OWING MONEY. WAS PAYING LESS THAN DOLLAR PER DAY AT HOTEL.

REQUEST MEXICO CITY BE FURNISHED PHOTOGRAPH OF SUBJECT.

EFFORTS CONTINUING TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW.

18 APR 29 1966

NATHAN L. FERRIS

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FBI

Date: 4/28/66

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Mr. Wick	_____
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Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI ATTENTION: CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (174-105)

SUBJECT: JAMES MICHAEL LEATHERER;  
THREAT TO BOMB UNITED NATIONS BUILDING  
7/4/66:

[redacted] - INFORMANT;

BM - THREATS  
OO: NEW YORK

Re Bureau tel to Chicago dated 4/28/66.

Enclosed herewith are two photos of captioned individual, JAMES MICHAEL LEATHERER per request of referenced teletype.

ENCLOSURE ATTACHED

ENCLOSURE

Bureau (Encl. 2) (AMSD)  
 1 - New York (Info.)  
 2 - Chicago (1 - [redacted])  
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C. C. Wick

6 photos (copies)  
 photostatic made in  
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Routing slip to Mexico City  
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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

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ENCLOSURES (2) TO BUREAU

RE: JAMES MICHAEL LEATHERER;  
THREAT TO BOMB UNITED NATIONS BUILDING  
7/4/66;

[REDACTED] - INFORMANT;

BM - THREATS  
OO: NEW YORK

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Two photos of subj.

CG file 174-105

Re CG airtel dated 4/28/66.



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ENCLOSURE



James Michael Leathner

CG 157-758-1a<sup>(1)</sup>



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JAMES MICHAEL LEATHERER

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URGENT 5-5-66

TO DIRECTOR

FROM LEGAT, OTTAWA NO. 579

UNSUB, AKA, <sup>①</sup>JIMMY; THREAT TO BOMB U.N. BUILDING JULY 4 NEXT;

[REDACTED] INFORMANT, BM - THREATS.

REBUCAB APRIL 25 LAST.

[REDACTED] ADVISE SOURCE [REDACTED]

RECALLS

ONE JIMMY LETHERER, WHO MAY BE IDENTICAL UNSUB, WAS EMPLOYED AS "TICKET OFFICER" IN EARLY 1950'S FOR ONE SEASON WHEN LEFT TO RETURN U.S. AND COLLEGE. SAID TO HAVE BEEN FROM SAGINAW, MICHIGAN AND WAS DESCRIBED AS "ODD BALL" ABOUT 22 YEARS OLD, AVERAGE HEIGHT AND WEIGHT AND WITH ARTIFICIAL LEG. NO RECORDS AVAILABLE ABOVE BALL CLUB TO VERIFY SUCH EMPLOYMENT AND SOURCE IS [REDACTED]

REPORT WILL FOLLOW.

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RECEIVED: 1:55PM D L H

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cc [REDACTED] + me me [REDACTED]  
 BRD CC: MR. BRENNAN

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FBI

Date: 5/4/66

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Via AIRTEL

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (174-57) (RUC)

RE: UNSUB, aka, Jimmy;  
Threat to Bomb U.N.  
Building, July 4, 1966;  
[redacted] - INFORMANT  
BOMBING MATTERS - THREATS

OO: New York

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED

DATE 10-17-84 BY SP6 BJA/142

NO. 80513  
2 copies LHM sent  
Legat Mexico City by  
RIS 5/13/66 HGR/veur

1cc for Bombing + CIA 64  
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Re San Antonio teletype to the Bureau 4/22/66.

Enclosed are ten copies of LHM for the Bureau.  
Two copies each of LHM enclosed for Chicago, New York,  
and St. Louis.

New York is being considered origin since threat  
is to bomb U.N. Building.

Copies furnished Chicago in view of possible  
future leads for that office since alleged meeting of  
Negroes, Puerto Ricans, and underworld characters to  
formulate plan for bombing and acts of violence took  
place in Chicago.

For information of the Bureau and interested  
offices, [redacted]

1cc B-CIA, 1964 Unit

- 5 - Bureau (Enc. 5) ENCLOSURE  
2 - Legat, Mexico)  
2 - Chicago (Enc. 2)  
2 - New York (Enc. 4)  
2 - St. Louis (Enc. 2)  
2 - San Antonio

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2 - Atlanta (Encls. 2)  
2 - Mobile (Encl. 1)

4 MAY 9 1966

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

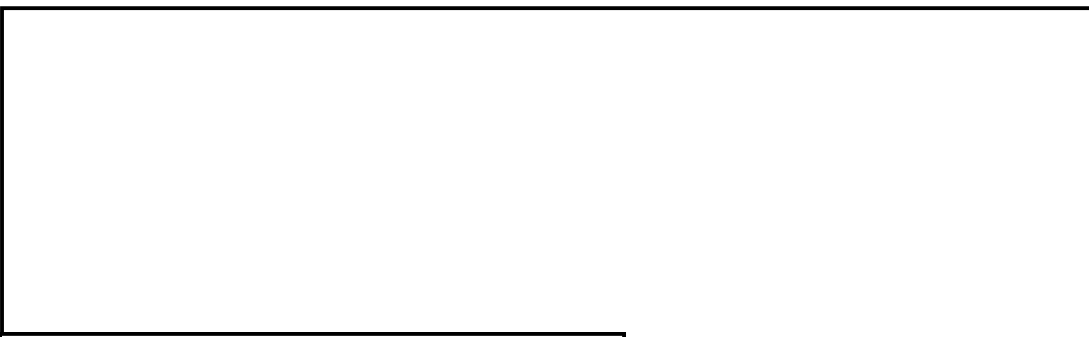
Special Agent in Charge

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Per \_\_\_\_\_

SA 174-57



[redacted] and will attempt to develop any information desired of him.

REQUEST OF THE BUREAU:

The Bureau is requested to furnish Legat, Mexico, with two copies of enclosed LHM. It is suggested that [redacted]

[redacted]  
attempt to obtain more complete information relative to plans by the group at Chicago to bomb the UN Building and cause acts of violence elsewhere in the United States on July 4, 1966.

LEADS:

ST. LOUIS

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI Through discreet inquiry at the office of the St. Louis Cardinal baseball club, attempt to identify JIMMY LNU, former general manager of the Toronto, Canada, baseball club of the International League, a Cardinal farm club.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

Two extra copies of LHM furnished New York for possible dissemination to Secret Service, New York, and for possible use of the U.S. Attorney.

SA 174-57

Secret Service, San Antonio, and Secret Service, Austin, furnished copy of LHM under cover of FD 376 in that subject appears to fit categories 1 and 6. LHM also disseminated locally to OSI, 10th District, ONI, and 112th INTC.

Two copies of communication are being forwarded to the Atlanta Office since mention is made of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING.

One copy is being sent to Mobile for information purposes since reference is made to the unsub allegedly living with the lady from Detroit who was killed during the Selma Demonstration.



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

*In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.*

Director  
United States Secret Service  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C. 20220

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☒ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
3. ☐ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.
4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.
5. ☐ Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:
  - (a) ☐ Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior;
  - (b) ☐ Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
  - (c) ☐ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.
6. ☒ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

Photograph ☐ has been furnished ☐ enclosed ☒ is not available  
☐ may be available through \_\_\_\_\_

Very truly yours,

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

- 1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s))  
 1 - U. S. Secret Service  
 1 - Secret Service, San Antonio  
 1 - Secret Service, Austin

Enclosure(s)

*(Upon removal of classified enclosures, if any, this transmittal form  
becomes UNCLASSIFIED.)*



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

San Antonio, Texas

May 4, 1966

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 10-17-84 BY SP6 BJA/

UNKNOWN SUBJECT, also known as,  
Jimmy; Threat to Bomb United Nations  
Building, July 4, 1966

No. 80,513

On [redacted]

[redacted] furnished

the following information:

[redacted] an individual known to him only as JIMMY who claimed to be a former General Manager of the Toronto, Canada, baseball club of the International League, a St. Louis Cardinal farm club. JIMMY claimed that he was in the Freedom March at Selma, Alabama, and had worked for Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING. He said he left the United States because he was threatened with death and moved to Mexico City. His transportation to Mexico was paid by KING, who also gave him \$100.

JIMMY claimed he was arrested in Alabama and the knuckles of both hands were crushed by police. He claims to be a part-time writer and stated he had a feature story entitled "Calluses on my Soul" which was published in the Negro Digest and Ebony Magazine. He also claimed that during his employment with MARTIN LUTHER KING, he was paid \$25 per week until he was approached by a Federal Agent who offered him \$180 per week to work as an informer, which offer he refused. After telling KING of this offer, KING raised his pay to \$37.50 per week. JIMMY stated he was a roommate of the Detroit woman who was later killed in Alabama.

JIMMY also informed [redacted] that a meeting was held in Chicago, Illinois, (date unknown) between a group of Negroes, Puerto Ricans, and some elements of the underworld where plans were formulated to bomb the United Nations Building in New York on July 4, 1966. At the same time, acts of violence, including other bombings,

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UNSUB, aka, Jimmy

would occur across the United States. He stated these bombings and acts of violence were designed to focus world attention on the Civil Rights movement and would make the Watts Incident in Los Angeles, California, look like a "kiddie party". JIMMY claimed that he smokes marijuana to convince the underworld that he is "one of them".

[redacted] stated JIMMY is residing in a small hotel across the park from the Hotel Regis in Mexico City where he pays ten pesos per day for a room. He believes JIMMY to be a "kook", but also believes he could be serious and felt the information obtained from JIMMY should be furnished to the United States authorities.

He said he believes [redacted]

JIMMY probably thought he would be in accord with the plan for bombings and acts of violence; however, JIMMY did not ask him for any financial or other type of assistance.

[redacted] furnished the following description:

Name	JIMMY (last name unknown)
Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	35 to 40
Height	5'9" to 5'11"
Weight	175 to 180 pounds
Hair	Dark blond
Eyes	Color unknown
Scars and Marks	Pear-shaped scar on right side forehead; knuckles of both hands crushed; right leg amputated at hip; using single aluminum crutch with dark

UNSUB; aka, Jimmy

Characteristics

rubber hand grip and shoulder  
pad

Has good knowledge of baseball

[redacted] Secret Service, San Antonio, and  
[redacted] 112th INTC, San Antonio, were advised.

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This document contains neither recommendations  
nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the  
FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are  
not to be distributed outside your agency.

5/9/66

Airtel

1 - Mr. Rowse

To: SAC, San Antonio (174-57)

From: Director, FBI (174-342)

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JAMES MICHAEL LEATHERER;  
THREAT TO BOMB UNITED NATIONS  
BUILDING. 7/4/66;

[REDACTED] - INFORMANT  
BOMBING MATTERS - THREATS  
(OO: NY)

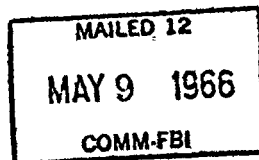
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ReSAairtel to the Bureau 5/4/66 entitled, "Insub. aka.  
Jimmy; Threat to Bomb U.N. Building, July 4, 1966; [REDACTED]  
Informant; Bombing Matters - Threats."

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For the information of all offices the Chicago Division has  
advised subject obviously identical with Unknown Subject, aka., Jimmy.  
The Legat, Mexico City is attempting to locate and interview subject  
concerning this matter. Photographs of subject have been furnished  
to Legat, Mexico City and are available at the Bureau in the event any  
division is in need of them. *ff*

- 1 - Chicago (174-105)
- 1 - New York
- 1 - St. Louis
- 1 - Atlanta
- 1 - Mobile



MAY 10 1966

HGR:vew  
(9) *[Signature]*

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*[Signature]*  
53 MAY 16 1966

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San Antonio submitted LHM and furnished copy to auxiliary offices who are not aware of the identity of subject.

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**Airtel**

**To: SAC, Chicago (174-105)**

**From: Director, FBI (174-342)**

**JAMES MICHAEL LEATHERER;  
THREATS TO BOMB UNITED NATIONS  
BUILDING. - 7-4-66;**

**- INFORMANT  
BOMBING MATTERS - THREATS  
OO: NEW YORK**

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**ReButeletype dated 4-25-66 and Buairtel 5-12-66.**

**Immediately check all logical informants to  
ascertain if such meeting took place. Handle expeditiously  
and keep Bureau and New York fully advised.**

**1 - New York**

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Leadership Conference, an organization headed by Martin  
Luther King, Jr.

Chicago and Legat, Mexico City have been instructed  
to make every effort to locate a subject and interview him  
for full details of alleged bombing.

**57 MAY 20 1966**

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**19 MAY 13 1966**

**MAY 13 1966**  
**COMM-FBI**

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**174-342-9**

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*W.H.*

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5/12/66

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TO LEGAT MEXICO CITY

FROM DIRECTOR FBI (174-342)

*ff*  
JAMES MICHAEL LEATHERER; THREAT TO BOMB U. N.  
BUILDING, JULY FOUR, SIXTYSIX;  - INFORMANT;  
BM - THREATS; OO: NY.

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REBUCAB APRIL TWENTY-FIVE LAST.

SUCAB TODAY RESULTS OF YOUR EFFORTS TO LOCATE  
SUBJECT TO DATE AND IF HE HAS NOT BEEN LOCATED, ADVISED  
WHAT ACTION YOU ARE TAKING TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW  
SUBJECT REGARDING THIS MATTER. COPY MAILED NEW YORK.

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1 - New York *ff*

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(5) *ff*

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1 - Foreign Liaison Unit *Cleared with*  
(route through for review)

19 MAY 13 1966

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VIA CABLEGRAM

MAY 12 1966

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51 MAY 19 1966

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Legat Mexico City has been attempting to locate subject, however, as yet has been unsuccessful.

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☐ AIRGRAM ☒ CABLEGRAM ☐ RADIO ☐ TELETYPE

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VERY URGENT 5-12-66

TO DIRECTOR (174-342)

FROM LEGAT MEXICO CITY NUMBER 932

JAMES MICHAEL LEATHERER: THREAT TO BOMB U N BUILDING, JULY 4,  
 1966;  - INFORMANT; BM - THREATS;

Bureau  
 REMYCAB MAY 12 INSTANT.

SUMMARY OF INTENSIVE EFFORTS TO LOCATE SUBJECT IN MEXICO CITY SET FORTH IN MY AIRTEL OF MAY 6 LAST, POUCHED BY EMBASSY NO LATER THAN MAY 10 LAST. IN INTERIM, INFORMANTS HAVE ESTABLISHED THROUGH PHOTO THAT SUBJECT DID STAY AT SMALL, CHEAP HOTEL MENTIONED IN REAIRTEL. SYSTEMATIC CHECK OF MANY SMALL HOTELS IN THIS CATEGORY CONTINUING.

AMERICAN EMBASSY, GUATEMALA CITY, ALERTED TO POSSIBILITY SUBJECT MAY APPEAR THERE AND WILL IMMEDIATELY ADVISE THIS OFFICE.

IDENTIFICATION RECORD WITH MORE COMPLETE DESCRIPTIVE DATA NOT YET RECEIVED HERE. SUGGEST IF NOT ALREADY DONE THAT STOP BE PLACED IN IDENTIFICATION DIVISION SINCE SUBJECT MAY HAVE MADE

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174-342-11  
 MAY 16 1966

MAY 20 1966

CC - TLOWSE

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PAGE TWO FROM LEGAT MEXICO CITY NUMBER 932

WAY BACK TO BORDER AND COULD BE PICKED UP AS VAGRANT ON U S SIDE.

STOP PLACED HERE FOR [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] AND COULD HAVE ADDITIONAL DATA RE HAUNTS, ACQUAINTANCES AND HABITS OF SUBJECT. EVERY EFFORT BEING MADE TO LOCATE AND MATTER RECEIVING CONTINUOUS ATTENTION. BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED BY CABLE.

NATHAN L. FERRIS

RECEIVED: 11:20 PM RWP

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U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE

3RD CC: MR. BRENNAN

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NA 7/17/66 5:14.66 WD  
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☐ AIRGRAM ☒ CABLEGRAM ☐ RADIO ☐ TELETYPE

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URGENT 5-13-66

TO DIRECTOR (174-342)

FROM LEGAT MEXICO CITY NO.935

JAMES MICHAEL LEATHERER: THREAT TO BOMB UNITED NATIONS BUILDING  
 JULY 4, 1966: [REDACTED] INFORMANT; BM-THREATS.

REMYCAB MAY 12 LAST.

INFORMANT REPORTEDLY [REDACTED]

INFORMANTS ALERTED TO POSSIBLE PRESENCE OF SUBJECT IN  
 MONTERREY, GUADALAJARA AND VERA CRUZ, MEXICO.

CANVASS OF HOTELS AND ROOMING HOUSES CONTINUING MEXICO.  
 BALL PARKS, RACE TRACKS, ETC. BEING COVERED BY SURVEILLANCE  
 AND OTHER INFORMANTS.

BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED

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174-342-12  
 NATHAN L. FERRIS

RECEIVED: 11:20 PM RPT.

3RD CC MR. BRENNAN

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To: SAC, Chicago (174-105)

From: Director, FBI (174-342)

**JAMES MICHAEL LEATHERER;  
THREAT TO BOMB UNITED NATIONS  
BUILDING, 7/4/66;**

- INFORMANT  
**BOMBING MATTERS - THREATS  
(OO: NY)**

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ReSAairtel 5/4/66 with LHM attached and Buairtel to  
San Antonio 5/9/66.

The Legat Mexico City has not yet located subject.  
Chicago should immediately conduct necessary investigation to  
locate subject and interview him for full details concerning matter  
set out in reairtel. This matter should be given expeditious handling  
and keep the Bureau and New York fully advised.

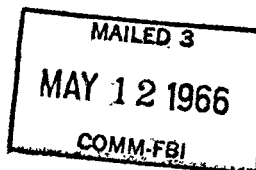
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Legat Mexico City has been attempting to locate subject, however, as yet has been unsuccessful.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20537

5-16-66 (391 CJR)

J. Edgar Hoover  
Director.

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
Police Department Los Angeles California	James Michael Letherer #358081	September 2, 1956	Five traffic misdemeanors	
Police Department Washington D.C.	James Michael Letherer #171964	August 6, 1959	bad checks exceeded balance	
State Police New Castle Delaware	James Michael Letherer #S-12, 389	June 22, 1960	vagrancy	10 days
Police Department Saginaw Michigan	James Letherer #31444	February 4, 1964	operating a theater without a license	
Police Department Selma Alabama	James Michael Letherer #11323	May 15, 1965	Disorderly conduct	
Sheriff's Office Selma Alabama	James Michel Letherer #22212	June 3, 1965	no driver's license failure to appear	\$10 and Cost \$10 and Cost
Police Department Chicago Illinois	James M. Letherer #105735	June 15, 1965	disorderly obstructing traffic	
Police Department Chicago Illinois	James M. Letherer #105735	June 28, 1965	resisting disorderly obstructing of persons	\$25 Nolle
Police Department Chicago Illinois	James M. Letherer #105735	June 28, 1965	disorderly	

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
Police Department Chicago Illinois	James M. Letherer #105735	August 2, 1965	disorderly	
<p>Since neither fingerprints nor an identifying number which is indexed in our files accompanied your request, FBI cannot guarantee in any manner that this material concerns the individual in whom you are interested.</p> <p>2</p>				

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All descriptive factors (if any) furnished by you match those in our identification file unless herein quoted.

DESCRIPTION AND RELATED DATA:

Race: White

Sex: Male

Height: 70 inches

Weight: 185 pounds

Hair: Red

Eyes: Brown

Date and Place of Birth: December 30, 1933 Michigan

Scars & Marks: two inch scar on forehead

Address: Browns Chapel Selma, Alabama in 1965

Occupation: Freedom Fighter

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
	<p align="center">FLASH BY BUREAU: James Michael Leatherer (may be identical) If any information or inquiry received Notify Legal Attache Mexico City their file #932 information received Cablegram May 13, 1966. Bureau file #174 342.</p>			
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DATE: 5/6/66

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM *NLE* LEGAT, MEXICO (174-1) (P)  
SUBJECT: JAMES MICHAEL LEATHERER;  
THREAT TO BOMB UNITED  
NATIONS BUILDING, 7/4/66;  
[redacted] - INFORMANT.  
BOMBING MATTERS - THREATS

Re Bureau cables, 4/25 and 4/26/66, and Mexico City cable, 4/27/66.

PCI [redacted]  
[redacted] advised that [redacted]  
[redacted] in an attempt to locate the subject and, as a result, of this investigation, determined that a person believed identical to the subject was registered in the Hotel Trigalles located at Mosqueta No. 38, Colonia Guerrero, Mexico City. This individual checked out of the hotel on April 25, 1966, and left no forwarding address. The registration carries his name as JIMMIE LLENTLER, or similar spelling. He had been at this hotel since April 17. He spoke little Spanish and no one in the vicinity was well acquainted with him.

He had a small record player which he had arranged to be repaired in the vicinity.

He mentioned that he planned to go to Guatemala.

He was paying 12 pesos a day rent (96¢ U.S.) and left owing money.

- 6 - Bureau  
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1 - Mexico City  
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MEX 174-1

The source later advised that he had checked all out-going flights to Guatemala and located no record of the subject.

He advised on May 6, 1966, that he had continued efforts to attempt to locate subject in lower-class hotels and boarding houses in the central area of Mexico City with negative results; however, he noted there are thousands of such establishments. He also noted that many of these establishments require advance payment, and investigation at the Hotel Trigalles indicated that the subject might not have funds available for such advances. The Manager of this hotel commented on subject's extremely shoddy and dirty condition.

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] They were alerted to attempt to locate subject on April 25, 1966, and, to date, have reported no sign of the subject.

The Protection Section of the United States Embassy at Mexico City, which often is contacted by indigent Americans, has been alerted to the possible presence of subject in Mexico City and will notify this office if subject contacts them. Through the Protection Section, it was arranged for an innocuous notice to be placed in local English-language newspapers regarding the subject. To date, there has been no response to this notice.

The Federal Benefits Office of the American Embassy in Mexico City also had no record of the subject.

It is noted that the Hotel Regis is not located on a park. The nearest park is the Alameda Park and the majority of the hotels fronting on this park are first-class hotels.

LEADS:

CHICAGO

At Chicago, Illinois

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(1) Will expedite forwarding of photograph of subject to Mexico City for use in coverage of leads in Mexico.

(2) Will consider possibility that subject may have returned to the United States and attempt to determine his present whereabouts from contacts of subject.

MEXICO CITY

At Mexico, D. F.

(1) Will continue efforts through PCI and other informants to locate subject so that he can be interviewed.

(2) Will contact [redacted] original source,

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TO: CHICAGO (174-105)

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (174-342) - 15

JAMES MICHAEL LEATHERER; THREATS TO BOMB UNITED NATIONS  
BUILDING, JULY FOUR SIXTY SIX; [ ] - INFORMANT  
BOMBING MATTERS - THREATS.

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REBUAIRTEL FIVE THIRTEEN LAST.

LEGAT, MEXICO ADVISED NEIGHBORHOOD INQUIRY INDICATES  
SUBJECT MIGHT HAVE BEEN GETTING ECONOMIC AID FROM AN UNCLE  
RESIDING IN MEXICO CITY. IMMEDIATELY ATTEMPT TO ASCERTAIN  
IF SUBJECT HAS ANY KNOWN RELATIVES IN MEXICO.

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designed to focus attention on civil rights movement. Chicago  
identified unknown subject as James Michael Leatherer, former  
staff worker for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, an  
organization headed by Martin Luther King, Jr.  
Legat, Mexico City have been instructed  
to make every effort to locate a subject and interview him for  
full details of alleged bombing.

VIA RADIOGRAM

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TO DIRECTOR (174-342)

FROM LEGAT MEXICO CITY NO. 938

JAMES MICHAEL LEATHERER. THREAT TO BOMB UNITED NATIONS  
BUILDING JULY 4, 1966; [ ] - INFORMANT, BM - THREATS.

REMYCAB MAY 13, 1966.

NEIGHBORHOOD INQUIRY INDICATES SUBJECT MIGHT HAVE BEEN  
GETTING ECONOMIC AID FROM AN UNCLE RESIDING IN MEXICO CITY.

REQUEST CHICAGO ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE IF SUBJECT HAS ANY  
KNOWN RELATIVES IN MEXICO.

NATHAN L. FERRIS

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Date: 5/18/66

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AIRMAIL

Via \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (174-342)  
FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS (174-119) (RUC)

JAMES MICHAEL LEATHERER;  
THREAT TO BOMB UNITED NATIONS  
BUILDING. 7/4/66;

[REDACTED] - INFORMANT  
BOMBING MATTERS - THREATS  
OO: NY

Re San Antonio airtel to Bureau dated 5/4/66.

On 5/16/66, [REDACTED]  
St. Louis National League Baseball Club, 3625 Dodder St.,  
St. Louis, Mo., advised that the St. Louis Cardinals had  
never had a farm club in Toronto, Canada; that the Cardinals  
Club in the International League was the Rochester, New York,  
Club.

③ - Bureau  
2 - New York  
1 - San Antonio (174-57) (INFO)  
1 - St. Louis

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Special Agent in Charge

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TO LEGAT MEXICO CITY

FROM DIRECTOR FBI (174-342) - 17

JAMES MICHAEL LETHERER; THREATS TO BOMB UNITED NATIONS BUILDING, JULY FOUR, SIXTYSIX; [REDACTED] - INFORMANT, BM - THREATS. OO: NEW YORK.

REURCAB MAY SIXTEEN LAST.

SUBJECT'S PARENTS AND RELATIVES, SAGINAW, MICHIGAN, HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE OF HIS PRESENT WHEREABOUTS AND NOT AWARE OF ANY RELATIVES IN MEXICO CITY. [REDACTED]

RECEIVED PHONE CALL FROM UNKNOWN MALE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, APPROXIMATELY SIX WEEKS AGO WHO STATED HE HAD RECENTLY RETURNED FROM MEXICO CITY AND WHILE IN MEXICO CITY BECAME ACQUAINTED WITH SUBJECT. PRIOR TO LEAVING MEXICO, SUBJECT REQUESTED THIS UNKNOWN MALE TO CALL [REDACTED] TO OBTAIN HIS BIRTH CERTIFICATE FROM [REDACTED] AND FORWARD TO UNITED STATES EMBASSY IN GUATEMALA, AS SUBJECT WAS GOING TO HITCHHIKE TO GUATEMALA. MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH U. S. EMBASSY, GUATEMALA, AND PLACE STOPS WITH APPROPRIATE GUATEMALA OFFICIALS. THIS MATTER MUST RECEIVE CONTINUOUS, PREFERRED ATTENTION AND KEEP BUREAU FULLY ADVISED. AIRMAIL COPY TO NEW YORK.

1 - New York

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1 - Foreign Liaison Unit (Route through for review)

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TO DIRECTOR, CHICAGO, AND NEW YORK

NEW YORK VIA WASHINGTON - ENCODED

FROM DETROIT 182352

JAMES MICHAEL<sup>0</sup> LETHERER; THREATS TO BOMB UNITED NATIONS BUILDING,  
 JULY 4, 1966; [REDACTED] INFORMANT. BM-THREATS. OO: NEW  
 YORK.

RE CHICAGO TEL MAY 17 LAST.

ADVISED THIS DATE THAT SHE DID NOT KNOW THE LOCATION OF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THE SUBJECT, AND THAT SHE KNOWS OF NO RELATIVES WHICH  
 HER FAMILY HAS IN MEXICO. WHEN [REDACTED] LAST HEARD FROM [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HE WAS IN CHICAGO AND SAID THAT HE WAS GOING TO MEXICO.

SUBJECT'S PARENTS, JOHN AND ETHEL LETHERER, 3440 S.

WASHINGTON STREET, SAGINAW, MICHIGAN, ADVISED THIS DATE THAT  
 THEY HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF SUBJECT'S PRESENT WHEREABOUTS. LAST

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INFORMATION THEY HAD THEY RECEIVED FROM [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] THAT SUBJECT WAS  
 IN CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, ADDRESS UNKNOWN, AND WAS TO GO TO MEXICO.

[REDACTED] ADVISED INSTANT DATE  
 HE HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF THE SUBJECT'S PRESENT WHEREABOUTS.  
 LAST INFORMATION HE HAD SUBJECT WAS IN CHICAGO, ILLINOIS,  
 ADDRESS UNKNOWN. HE STATED THAT ABOUT 6 WEEKS AGO [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] RECEIVED A PHONE CALL FROM  
 AN UNKNOWN MALE FROM CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, REQUESTING SUBJECT'S  
 BIRTH CERTIFICATE BE SENT TO THE U.S. EMBASSY IN GUATEMALA.

[REDACTED] ADVISED INSTANT DATE HE RECEIVED A PHONE CALL  
 FROM AN UNKNOWN MALE FROM CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, ABOUT 6 WEEKS AGO,  
 WHO STATED THAT HE HAD RECENTLY RETURNED FROM MEXICO CITY,  
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 CERTIFICATE FROM THE [REDACTED] AND FORWARD

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THE BIRTH CERTIFICATE TO THE U.S. EMBASSY, GUATEMALA, AS THE SUBJECT WAS GOING TO HITCHHIKE TO GUATEMALA. [ ] SAID THAT IT WAS HIS UNDERSTANDING FROM THE UNKNOWN MALE THAT SUBJECT HAD BEEN IN CHICAGO FOR ABOUT NINE MONTHS PRIOR TO GOING TO MEXICO CITY AND HAD BEEN IN MEXICO CITY FOR THE PAST TWO MONTHS. WHILE SUBJECT WAS IN CHICAGO HE WAS CAMPAIGNING FOR DICK GREGORY.

THE FOLLOWING RELATIVES OF THE SUBJECT WERE CONTACTED AT SAGINAW, MICHIGAN, INSTANT DATE AND ADVISED THAT THEY HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF SUBJECT'S WHEREABOUTS:

[ ]  
 [ ]

ALL SUBJECTS RELATIVES IN SAGINAW, MICHIGAN, ADVISED THAT THEY WERE NOT AWARE OF ANY RELATIVES IN MEXICO CITY, MEXICO.

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TO LEGAT MEXICO CITY

FROM DIRECTOR FBI (174-342) - 18

JAMES MICHAEL LETHERER; THREATS TO BOMB UNITED NATIONS  
BUILDING, JULY FOUR, SIXTYSIX; [REDACTED] - INFORMANT, BM -  
THREATS. OO: NEW YORK.

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REMYCAB FIVE NINETEEN INSTANT.

INVESTIGATION AT PREVIOUS CHICAGO RESIDENCE OF SUBJECT  
REVEALS SUBJECT PRESENTLY VACATIONING IN MEXICO. ROOMMATE  
DISCLOSED LETHERER WILL RECEIVE MAIL IN CARE OF AMERICAN  
CONSULATE, VERA CRUZ, MEXICO, WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS. IMMEDIATELY  
ARRANGE  
ATTEMPT TO LOCATE AND/INTERVIEW SUBJECT RE THIS MATTER.  
GIVE CONTINUOUS, PREFERRED ATTENTION AND KEEP BUREAU FULLY  
ADVISED. AIRMAIL COPY TO NEW YORK.

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1 - Foreign Liaison Unit  
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VIA CABLEGRAM

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Wick	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
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226 PM CDST URGENT 5/19/66 JLS

TO DIRECTOR \174-342\ AND NEW YORK

NEW YORK VIA WASHINGTON

FROM CHICAGO \174-105\ 1P

JAMES MICHAEL LETHERER, THREAT TO BOMB UNITED NATIONS BUILDING,  
JULY FOUR, SIXTY SIX \[REDACTED] - INFORMANT. BM - THREATS.  
O.O. NEW YORK.

RE CHICAGO TELETYPE TO BUREAU MAY SEVENTEEN LAST.

TELEPHONE CALL INSTANT DATE TO PREVIOUS CHICAGO RESIDENCE  
OF LETHERER REVEALS LETHERER PRESENTLY VACATIONING IN MEXICO.  
ROOMMATE DISCLOSED LETHERER WILL RECEIVE MAIL IN CARE OF  
AMERICAN CONSULATE, VERA CRUZ, MEXICO, WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS.

BUREAU FURNISH LEGAT, MEXICO FOR ASSISTANCE IN LOCATING AND  
INTERVIEWING LETHERER.

AIR MAIL COPIES TO DETROIT AND ALBUQUERQUE.

END

FOR RELAY JPN FOR RELAY

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Via \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, ALBUQUERQUE (174-26)RUC

RE: JAMES MICHAEL LETHERER;  
THREATS TO BOMB UNITED  
NATIONS BUILDING,  
JULY 4, 1966

James Letherer

[REDACTED] - INFORMATION  
BM - THREATS  
OO: NY

Re Chicago rad 5/17/66.

There are attached to the Bureau 7 copies of a LHM,  
for Detroit 2 and for New York and Chicago 1 ne interview of

LEAD

DETROIT

AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN

Will if not already handled interview [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] re LETHERER's present whereabouts.

ENCLOSURE

3 - Bureau (Enc 4) (RM)  
2 - Detroit (Enc 2)  
1 - New York (Enc 1)  
1 - Chicago (Enc 1) (Info)  
1 - Albuquerque  
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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

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Per \_\_\_\_\_

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Albuquerque, New Mexico  
May 19, 1966

JAMES MICHAEL LETHERER  
THREAT TO BOMB UNITED NATIONS  
BUILDING, JULY 4, 1966;  
[REDACTED] INFORMATION  
BOMBING MATTER - THREATS

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[REDACTED] advised on May 18, 1966, that James Michael Letherer [REDACTED] and that he was born with a tumor in his right leg which necessitated eight major operations prior to the time he graduated from high school. The tumor in his right leg may still be growing. Because of the severe pain at one point it was feared by the family that James Letherer was becoming a drug addict.

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[REDACTED] stated [REDACTED] James is a psychopathic liar and as a result of his physical troubles appears to be a manic depressive with schizophrenic tendencies. In this connection [REDACTED] stated that in approximately 1950, James Letherer was swimming when he suffered a stroke, which partially paralyzed his right side, including his right hand and face muscles.

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Since James Letherer graduated from high school he has been traveling all over the United States. He has worked as a promotional agent for various ball clubs in places as far away as Hawaii. He established a successful drive-away business in Washington, D. C., and a promotional business in Dallas, Texas. In Saginaw, Michigan, he established an eight-day coffee house which the city closed down because he had not obtained a permit. He served as an AAA Agent in Salt Lake City, Utah, and has worked on home improvement promotions in various locations.

[REDACTED] stated that he brought out this background to show that James Letherer had brilliant ideas but that his mental difficulties made it impossible for him to follow them through. In

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JAMES MICHAEL LETHERER

approximately 1961, [ ] stated that [ ] the process of having James Letherer committed in Michigan. James Letherer was agreeable and all papers were completed up until James Letherer's final commitment at which point he refused to enter and the entire matter was dropped.

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[ ] operates the [ ] is very active in the inter-racial movement and through this James Letherer became interested in the inter-racial movement.

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As a result of his interest, James Letherer went to Selma, Alabama, where he appeared on TV nationally on several occasions. He was also interviewed during the Huntley - Brinkley Reports and later claimed that he was working in Chicago, Illinois, as a full-time employee of Martin Luther King.

[ ] stated that in January, 1966, he heard that James Letherer was in Mexico, exact location not known. He stated that he believed [ ] would know James Letherer's exact location because of their mutual interest in inter-racial matters.

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[ ] stated that [ ] has caused a great deal of pain and suffering to all the other members of the family because of his actions, but that [ ] is convinced that his primary trouble is mental and that he should be hospitalized rather than punished for any activities which might be in violation of law.

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[ ] stated that the family has no relative in Mexico City and that James Letherer is receiving no financial support from any member of the Letherer family inasmuch as he has already put the family deeply in debt.

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 11:35 AM  
 5/18/66  
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☐ AIRGRAM ☐ CABLEGRAM ☐ RADIO ☒ TELETYPE

8:40 PM CDST URGENT 5-17-66 AAA

TO DIRECTOR (174-342), ALBUQUERQUE, DETROIT AND NEW YORK

NEW YORK VIA WASHINGTON - ENCODED

FROM CHICAGO 180030

CHANGED. JAMES MICHAEL LETHERER; THREATS TO BOMB UNITED NATIONS BUILDING, JULY 4, 1966; [REDACTED] - INFORMANT. BM - THREATS. OO: NEW YORK.

RE RADIOGRAM TO CHICAGO FROM BUREAU, MAY 17 INSTANT AND BUREAU AIRTELS MAY 12 AND 13 LAST.

TITLE CHANGED TO SET FORTH CORRECT SPELLING OF LETHERER'S LAST NAME, AS SET FORTH IN FBI IDENTIFICATION RECORD.

ON [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT INDIVIDUAL KNOWN TO HIM AS JIMMY, WHO HAS BEEN SUBSEQUENTLY IDENTIFIED TO BE SUBJECT, ADVISED HIM THAT HE WAS IN FREEDOM MARCH AT SELMA, ALABAMA, AND WORKED FOR DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING. HE SAID HE LEFT UNITED STATES BECAUSE HE WAS THREATENED WITH DEATH AND MOVED TO MEXICO CITY, AND TRANSPORTATION WAS PAID BY

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174-342-20 RELAYED TO NY

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20 MAY 25 1966

If the intelligence contained in the above message is to be disseminated outside the Bureau, it is suggested that it be suitably paraphrased in order to protect the Bureau's cryptographic systems.

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KING.

SUBJECT ADVISED [REDACTED] THAT MEETING WAS HELD IN CHICAGO, ILLINOIS (DATE UNKNOWN), BETWEEN GROUP OF NEGROES, PUERTO RICANS AND ELEMENTS OF THE UNDERWORLD, WHERE PLANS WERE FORMULATED TO BOMB THE UNITED NATIONS BUILDING, IN NEW YORK, JULY 4 NEXT. HE STATED THESE BOMBINGS AND ACTS OF VIOLENCE WERE DESIGNED TO FOCUS WORLD ATTENTION ON CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT.

SUBJECT WAS FOUNDER OF "WE THE PEOPLE", A LOCAL CIVIL RIGHTS ORGANIZATION WHICH WAS FORMERLY HEADQUARTERED IN PRIVATE RESIDENCE, 908 NORTH FOURTH STREET, SAGINAW, MICHIGAN. FORMER RESIDENCE WAS GIVEN AS 1101 - 1/2 NORTH WARREN, SAGINAW, MICHIGAN.

SUBJECT ARRESTED ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS AT SELMA, ALABAMA, DURING CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVITIES. RECORDS SELMA PD REFLECT SUBJECT ON MAY 15, 1965, AT TIME OF ARREST FOR DISORDERLY CONDUCT AND NO DRIVERS LICENSE RESIDED AT 313 E GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER HOMES, IN SELMA. HIS FILE REFLECTS BIRTH ON DECEMBER 30, 1932, SAGINAW, MICHIGAN, HEIGHT 5 FEET 10 INCHES, WEIGHT 185, WHITE, MALE, EYES BROWN, HAIR SANDY RED, BUILD MEDIUM, SCARS

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AND MARKS RIGHT LEG AMPUTATED ABOVE KNEE AND WALKS ON CRUTCHES.

SUBJECT HAS FBI NUMBER 2661210. RELATIVES LISTED AS MOTHER:

ETHEL KENNEY LETHERER, SAGINAW, MICHIGAN;

FATHER:

*MR & MRS* JOHN F. LETHERER, SAGINAW, MICHIGAN;

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*CHICAGO SOURCES ADVISED THEY HAVE NO INFORMATION CONCERNING*  
ALLEGED MEETING INVOLVING BOMBING OF U N BUILDING. CG PD ADVISED  
INSTANT DATE THEY HAVE NO INFORMATION THAT SUBJECT RETURNED TO  
CHICAGO.

DETROIT AND ALBUQUERQUE LOCATE AND INTERVIEW RELATIVES OF  
SUBJECT TO DETERMINE WHEREABOUTS OF SUBJECT FOR INTERVIEW CON-  
CERNING FULL DETAILS CAPTIONED MATTER. SUBJECT MIGHT BE GETTING  
ECONOMIC AID FROM AN UNCLE/<sup>RESIDING</sup>IN MEXICO CITY. DURING INTERVIEW OF  
RELATIVES ASCERTAIN IF SUBJECT HAS ANY KNOWN RELATIVES IN MEXICO

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ALBUQUERQUE AND DETROIT HANDLE EXPEDITIOUSLY AND ADVISE  
 BUREAU AND NEW YORK.

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Date: 5-19-66

To: Director, FBI

(Bufile : )

Attention : \_\_\_\_\_

From: Legal Attache, Ottawa

( 157-16 )

Title UNSUB; Aka., Jimmy; Threat to Bomb U. N. Building, 7/4/66: [redacted] - INFORMANT	Character BOMBING MATTER - THREATS Reference Mycab 5-5-66.
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Enclosed are the following communications received from the [redacted]  
 two copies of [redacted]

Original and

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Remarks:

Enclosure confirms information in my recab.

Dissemination

- ☐ May be made as received  
☒ May be made as indicated by stamp on enclosure  
☐ May not be made without further clearance with [redacted]

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Following offices would be interested in receiving copies of enclosures:

San Antonio; Legat, Mexico

Status with this office:

- ☒ RUC  
☐ Pending  
 Bureau - San Antonio;  
 Legat, Mexico (Enc. 3)

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URGENT

1 - [REDACTED]

TO SAC CHICAGO

FROM DIRECTOR, FBI (174-342) - 22

REC-2 JAMES LEATHERER; THREATS TO BOMB UNITED NATIONS

BUILDING, JULY FOUR NEXT; [REDACTED] - INFORMANT,

BM - THREATS.

RE MEXICO CITY CABLE MAY TWENTY LAST.

FOR INFO CHICAGO, RECAB ADVISED AMERICAN CONSULATE  
AT VERACRUZ ADVISED LEATHERER DEPARTED VERACRUZ MAY  
NINETEEN LAST ALLEGEDLY HEADED FOR BELIZE, BRITISH HONDURAS.  
REPORTEDLY HITCHHIKING, AND RECENTLY RECEIVED CHECK FROM  
DICK GREGORY AND EXPECTING FURTHER MONEY ORDER FROM

TELEPHONE [REDACTED]

CHICAGO IMMEDIATELY INTERVIEW [REDACTED] TO DETERMINE

WHEREABOUTS AND/OR ITINERARY OF LEATHERER AND SUTEL. AM

COPY TO LEGAT, MEXICO CITY.

1 - Legat, Mexico City

1 - Foreign Liaison Unit

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TO DIRECTOR (174-342)

FROM LEGAT MEXICO CITY NO. 947

JAMES LEATHERER; THREATS TO BOMB UNITED NATIONS BUILDING,  
JULY 4, NEXT; [REDACTED] - INFORMANT, BM - THREATS.

REBUCABS, MAY 19 LAST.

DETERMINED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] UACB,  
NO FURTHER EFFORT BEING EXPENDED TO LOCATE [REDACTED]

AMERICAN CONSULATE AT VERACRUZ ADVISES SUBJECT HAS BEEN  
STAYING IN CHEAP HOTEL THAT AREA BUT DEPARTED MAY 19, LAST,  
CLAIMING HEADED FOR BELIZE, BRITISH HONDURAS. REPORTEDLY  
HITCHHIKING.

RECENTLY RECEIVED CHECK FROM NEGRO COMEDIAN DICK GREGORY.

EXPECTING FURTHER MONEY ORDER FROM [REDACTED]

TELEPHONE [REDACTED]

3RD CC: MR. BRENNAN

Ad to SAC GG 1-cc Legal Mailer  
5/21/66 LGK: pml

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AUTHORITIES IN MERIDA AND CHETUMAL, MEXICO, ALERTED.

REPORTEDLY, SUBJECT RECENTLY DENIED ENTRY TO GUATEMALA IN TAPACHULA BECAUSE OF IMPROPER DOCUMENTATION.

AMERICAN CONSULATE, BELIZE, BEING ALERTED INFORMALLY BUT REQUESTED THAT BUREAU ALERT STATE DEPARTMENT TO POSSIBILITY THAT SUBJECT MAY BE CONTACTING AMERICAN CONSULATE IN BRITISH HONDURAS.

PROSPECTS OF INTERCEPTING SUBJECT AT MERIDA, YUCATAN, PROMISING AND REPRESENTATIVE OF THIS OFFICE PREPARED TO PROCEED THERE FOR INTERVIEW IF LOCATED.

NATHAN L. FERRIS

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3RD CC MR. BRENNAN

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FBI CHICAGO

735 PM CDST URGENT 5-21-66 HRF

TO DIRECTOR (174-342)  
FROM CHICAGO (174-105)

SUBJECT JAMES LEATHERER; THREATS TO BOMB UNITED NATIONS BUILDING,  
JULY FOUR NEXT; [REDACTED] INFORMANT, BM- THREATS.

RE BUTEL TO CHICAGO INSTANT DATE

ADVISED

TODAY [REDACTED] PRESENTLY CAMPING IN NORTHERN ILLINOIS EXACT  
WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN ADVISED [REDACTED] RETURNING CHICAGO MAY TWENTYTHREE  
NEXT [REDACTED] CHICAGO WILL INTERVIEW [REDACTED] AND BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED.

END REC'D - FBI  
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415 PM CDST URGENT 5/23/66 MOA

TO DIRECTOR (174-342)

FROM CHICAGO (174-<sup>105</sup>1005) 1P

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MAY 23 1966  
FBI CHICAGO

JAMES LETHERER; THREATS TO BOMB UNITED NATIONS BUILDING,  
JULY FOUR NEXT; [redacted] INFORMANT. BM - THREATS.

RE CHICAGO TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR, MAY TWENTY FIRST LAST.

INTERVIEWED TODAY, ADVISED LETHERER TRAVELING IN MEXICO SINCE  
MID APRIL, EXACT WHEREABOUTS AND ITINERARY UNKNOWN. [redacted]

STATED DURATION OF VACATION INDEFINITE, HOWEVER, EXPECTED BACK  
IN CHICAGO IN MID JUNE. [redacted] ADVISED LETHERER MAY BE REACHED  
THROUGH AMERICAN CONSULATE, VERA CRUZ, MEXICO. HE STATES HE HAS  
NO INTENTIONS OF SENDING MONEY TO LETHERER.

[redacted] ADVISED WILL IMMEDIATELY CONTACT CHICAGO IF  
LEATHERER'S WHEREABOUTS DETERMINED. AM COPY TO NEW YORK WHICH  
INCLUDES INFO IN BUTEL MAY TWO ONE LAST. REC-11  
END AND HOLD

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FBI WASH DC 27 1966

cc [redacted]  
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MAY 24 1966

REC'D [redacted]

Date: 5/27/66

To:

☒ Director (174-342) FILE Chicago File 174-105

Att.: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ SAC \_\_\_\_\_ Title JAMES LETHERER; THREATS

☐ ASAC \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Supv. \_\_\_\_\_ TO BOMB UNITED NATIONS

☐ Agent \_\_\_\_\_

☐ SE \_\_\_\_\_ BUILDING, JULY 4, 1966;

☐ IC \_\_\_\_\_

☐ CC \_\_\_\_\_  - INFORMANT b7D

☐ Steno \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Clerk \_\_\_\_\_ BM - THREATS

### ACTION DESIRED

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Re Chicago teletype to Bureau dated 5/23/66.

Referenced teletype mistakenly carried Chicago file number for captioned case, as 174-1005. True file number is 174-105.

SAC M. W. JOHNSON

Office CHICAGO

See reverse side  
TEB: csm/ejh

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: May 13, 1966

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: JAMES MICHAEL LEATHERER;  
THREAT TO BOMB UNITED NATIONS  
BUILDING, JULY 4, 1966;

[redacted] - INFORMANT  
BOMBING MATTERS - THREATS

1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Rosen  
1 - Mr. Malley  
1 - Mr. McGowan  
1 - [redacted]  
1 - Mr. Sullivan

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[redacted] appeared at our McAllen, Texas, Resident Agency on [redacted] and advised he met Jimmy (last name unknown) in Mexico City and Jimmy (last name unknown) allegedly stated a meeting was held in Chicago, Illinois, date unknown, by a group of Negroes, Puerto Ricans and some underworld characters where a plan was formulated to bomb the United Nations Building and conduct a series of bombings across the United States on 7-4-66. The bombings allegedly are designed to focus attention on the civil rights movement. He described this individual as white male approximately thirty-five, dark blond hair and right leg amputated at hip, using single aluminum crutch and believed him to be a "kook." He stated he was residing at a small hotel, name unknown, near the Hotel Regis, Mexico City.

Based on available background and descriptive data furnished by [redacted] our Chicago Office has advised Jimmy (last name unknown) is probably James Michael Leatherer, former staff worker for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, a civil rights organization headed by Martin Luther King, Jr. Our Chicago Office developed information he (Leatherer) reportedly is in Mexico, and the Legat at Mexico City has confirmed that Leatherer did stay at the Hotel Trigalles, Mexico City, but left with no forwarding address, on 4/25/66. REC 33 174-342-25

## ACTION:

1. Our Chicago Office and Legat Mexico City have been instructed to make every effort to locate subject and interview him for full details of alleged plot. This matter is receiving preferred, continuous attention.

10 MAY 25 1966

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HGR:rmr (7)

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Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach  
RE: JAMES MICHAEL LEATHERER

2. Appropriate local, state and Federal authorities  
will be advised of the results of this interview immediately.

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5-24-66

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TO LEGAT MEXICO CITY

FROM DIRECTOR FBI (174-342)

JAMES LETHERER; THREATS TO BOMB UNITED NATIONS BUILDING,  
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CONSULATE, VERA CRUZ, MEXICO, AND HE HAS NO INTENTIONS OF  
SENDING MONEY TO LETHERER. IMMEDIATELY ATTEMPT TO LOCATE  
AND ARRANGE INTERVIEW SUBJECT RE THIS MATTER. GIVE CONTINUOUS,  
PREFERRED ATTENTION AND KEEP BUREAU FULLY ADVISED. AIRMAIL  
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NOTE:

[redacted] appeared at McAllen, Texas, Resident Agency [redacted] and advised met Jimmy (LNU) in Mexico City and Jimmy (LNU) allegedly stated meeting held in Chicago, Illinois, date unknown, by group of Negroes and Puerto Ricans and some underworld characters where plan was formulated to bomb U. N. Building and conduct series of bombings across U.S., 7-4-66. Bombings allegedly designed to focus attention on civil rights movement. Chicago identified unknown subject as James Michael Letherer, former staff worker for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, an organization headed by Martin Luther King, Jr.

Legat, Mexico City has been attempting to locate subject, however, as yet has been unsuccessful.

Legat, Mexico City advised subject expecting money order from [redacted]

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FBI CHICAGO

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TO DIRECTOR (174-342)

FROM CHICAGO (174-105)

JAMES MICHAEL LEATHERER, THREAT TO BOMB UNITED NATIONS BUILDING,  
JULY FOUR, NINETEEN SIXTY DASH SIX; [REDACTED] INFORMANT,  
BOMBING MATTERS DASH THREAT, 00: NEW YORK.

RE CHICAGO TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR MAY TWENTY THREE LAST.

ADVISED INSTANT DATE LEATHERER STILL VACATIONING IN MEXICO EXACT  
WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN. [REDACTED] STATED HE WOULD IMMEDIATELY ADVISE  
CHICAGO IF LEATHERER'S WHEREABOUTS DETERMINED. AM COPY TO NEW YORK.

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To: Legat, Mexico City

From: Director, FBI (174-342) — 28

JAMES MICHAEL LEATHERER;  
THREAT TO BOMB UNITED NATIONS  
BUILDING 7/4/66;

[REDACTED] - INFORMANT  
BOMBING MATTERS - THREATS  
OO: NEW YORK

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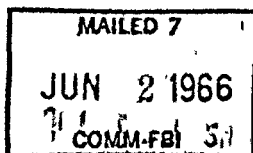
The San Antonio Division advised that [REDACTED]  
telephonically advised the McAllen, Texas Resident Agency

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The above is for your information. You should  
advise the proper official at the American Embassy, Mexico  
City, that this matter has been resolved and it will no longer  
be necessary to interview [REDACTED]

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NOTE.

[redacted] advised our San Antonio Office on [redacted] that an individual who allegedly worked for Martin Luther King, Jr., made a statement to him in Mexico City that a meeting was held in Chicago, Illinois, date unknown, by a group of Negroes, Puerto Ricans and some underworld characters where a plan was formulated to bomb the United Nations Building and conduct a series of bombings across the United States on 7/4/66. He stated the bombings would be xdesigned to focus attention on the civil rights movement.

This individual was identified as James Michael Leatherer and has been located and interviewed in Mexico. Our San Antonio Office has been advised.

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Date: 5/27/66

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b7CTransmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (174-57) (RUC)

RE: JAMES MICHAEL LEATHERER;  
THREAT TO BOMB UNITED NATIONS  
BUILDING. 7/4/66;  
[redacted] - INFORMANT  
BOMBING MATTERS - THREATS

OO: New York

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On [redacted] telephonically ad-  
vised SA [redacted] McAllen, Texas, from [redacted]

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The Bureau is requested to advise Legat, Mexico.

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Legat, Mexico  
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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

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1 - Mr. Rowse

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TO SAC CHICAGO (174-105)

FROM DIRECTOR FBI (174-342)

JAMES MICHAEL LETHERER; THREATS TO BOMB UNITED NATIONS  
BUILDING, JULY FOUR, NINETEEN SIXTY-SIX; [REDACTED] -  
INFORMANT, BM - THREATS.

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DISCONTINUE INVESTIGATION TO LOCATE LETHERER. HE WAS  
LOCATED IN MERIDA, YUCATAN, MEXICO, AND INTERVIEWED. YOU  
WILL BE ADVISED OF RESULTS BY SUBSEQUENT COMMUNICATION.

AIRMAIL COPY TO NEW YORK.

1 - New York

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NOTE:

[REDACTED] appeared at our McAllen, Texas,  
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bombings ~~are~~ are designed to focus attention on the  
civil rights movement. This individual was identified as  
James Michael Letherer and he was located and interviewed in  
Mexico. The above is to advise Chicago to discontinue.

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VIA RADIOGRAM

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (174-342)

FROM : *[Signature]* SAC, NEW YORK (174-271) (P)

SUBJECT: JESSE WILLIARD GRAY,  
ALLEGED PLOT TO BOMB  
UNITED NATIONS BUILDING,  
JULY 4, 1966  
BOMBING MATTERS - RACIAL MATTERS  
(OO:NY)

DATE: 6/7/66

ReBuairtel and LHM to Chicago, dated 6/1/66.

Information contained in referenced communication orally furnished by SA  followed by LHM the same date to the following agencies in NYC.

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<u>Individual</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Detective <span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 150px; height: 1.2em; vertical-align: middle;"></span>	6/6/66	BSS, NYCPD
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SA <span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 70px; height: 1.2em; vertical-align: middle;"></span> <i>12 H</i>	6/6/66	OSI, NYC

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*ent* On 6/7/66, SA DAVID G. JENKINS orally advised the following agencies followed by an LHM the same date to the US Mission to the UN.

<u>Individual</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Agency</u>
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Acting Security Chief

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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TO DIRECTOR (174-342)

FROM CHICAGO (174-105)

TELETYPE

JAMES O'LEATHERER

JESSE WILLIARD GRAY, ALLEGED PLOT TO BOMB UNITED NATIONS  
JULY FOUR, SIXTY SIX; BOMBING MATTERS - RACIAL MATTERS.

Mr. Tolson  
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BUILDING,  
OO NEW YORK.

RE BUREAU AIRTEL TO CHICAGO JUNE ONE, LAST

[REDACTED] WEST SIDE ORGANIZATION (WSO), ONE

FIVE TWO SEVEN WEST ROOSEVELT ROAD, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, INTERVIEWED THIS  
DATE BY BUREAU AGENTS. [REDACTED] ADVISED HAD NO INFORMATION RELATIVE  
TO ALLEGED PLOT TO BOMB UN, NEW YORK, JULY FOUR, NEXT. ADVISED HAS NEVER  
BEEN IN NEW YORK. DISCLOSED MET JESSE WILLIARD GRAY ON ONE OCCASION  
ONLY [REDACTED] WHEN GRAY SPOKE AT [REDACTED]

SUBSEQUENT TO SUCH DINNER GRAY AND [REDACTED] CONFERRED AT WSO OFFICE  
AND DISCUSSED POSSIBILITY OF STAGING RENT STRIKES IN CHICAGO PROTESTING  
SLUM CONDITIONS. [REDACTED] STATED EMPHATICALLY GRAY HAS NEVER TOLD  
HIM THAT UN TO BE BOMBED JULY FOUR, NEXT, OR THAT ANY GROUPS WERE  
COLLECTING FIREARMS OR ARSON MATERIALS IN NEW YORK, CHICAGO, OR ANY  
OTHER AREA. [REDACTED] ADVISED HE WAS UNABLE TO UNDERSTAND HOW SUCH  
INFORMATION ORIGINATED INVOLVING HIM SINCE COMPLETELY FALLACIOUS.

SECRET SERVICE AND CHICAGO PD ADVISED. LHM FOLLOWS.

AIRMAIL COPIES NEW YORK AND SAN ANTONIO.

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cc - Mr. Sullivan

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (174-342)

DATE: 5/25/66

FROM : *ALB*  
*MD* LEGAT, MEXICO (174-1)(RUC)

SUBJECT: JAMES MICHAEL LEATHERER,  
THREAT TO BOMB UNITED NATIONS  
BUILDING, JULY 4, 1966;  
[redacted] - INFORMANT  
BOMBING MATTERS - THREATS

## ENCLOSURES:

Enclosed are five (5) copies of a letterhead memorandum (LHM) dated and captioned as above.

## REFERENCES:

Mexico city cables, 5/24/66, and Bureau cables 4/25 and 26, 1966.

## ADMINISTRATIVE:

During interview, LEATHERER advised that JOHN DOAR, of the Department of Justice, is the only person he knows whom he trusts implicitly, and he requested that Mr. DOAR be advised of his location and of the fact that he is willing to cooperate completely with any suggestion DOAR might make.

Persons in contact with LEATHERER at Merida include [redacted] of the American Consulate, and [redacted] residents of the Hotel Caribe.

## SOURCES:

The confidential source abroad mentioned in LHM is SA RICHARD S. CLARK.

Bureau (Enc. 3)  
(1 - Liaison Section)  
(1 - Chicago, info)  
(1 - San Antonio, info)

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submitted attn:

Mr. John Doar

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COPIES:

Information copies are being sent to Chicago and San Antonio because the information herein relates to investigation conducted in those divisions.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

May 25, 1966

**JAMES MICHAEL LEATHERER  
THREAT TO BOMB UNITED  
NATIONS BUILDING, JULY 4, 1966**

This document contains neither  
recommendations nor conclusions of  
the FBI. It is the property of  
the FBI and is loaned to your agency;  
it and its contents are not to be  
distributed outside your agency.

The following information was received from a  
confidential source abroad:

On May 24, 1966, JAMES MICHAEL LEATHERER was  
interviewed at Merida, Yucatan, Mexico, where he was tem-  
porarily residing at the Hotel Caribe. He was interviewed  
concerning the report that he had information concerning  
a threat to bomb the United Nations Building on July 4,  
1966.

He advised that he had no direct information  
as to such a threat and furnished the following informa-  
tion:

For four years, he has been extremely active  
in the civil rights movement and, as a result, has come  
to be known and trusted by many of the Negro leaders in  
this movement.

In March of 1966, [redacted] who is [redacted]

[redacted]  
went to New York to attend a meeting concerning the so-  
called "Poor Peoples Conference." This was the conference  
conducted by SARGENT SHRIVER at which he was heckled and  
harassed. The meeting attended by [redacted] was to prepare  
for a confrontation with SHRIVER at this conference.

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JAMES MICHAEL LEATHERER  
THREAT TO BOMB UNITED  
NATIONS BUILDING, JULY 4, 1966

When [ ] returned to Chicago, LEATHERER asked him what had transpired in New York and what the situation was there.

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By way of explaining to LEATHERER how volatile and "wild" the situation was in New York, [ ] said that JESSE GRAY, a "black nationalist" leader in New York, was going to bomb the United Nations Building on July 4, 1966.

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[ ] did not furnish him with any further details or particulars concerning this purported bombing. LEATHERER did not relate the bomb threat to the civil rights movement. He did not know of any relationship between any Puerto Ricans or any underworld figures and the alleged threat. He knew of no meeting at which such a threat or statement was made. The only information he had was the statement by [ ]. There were no witnesses present to hear this statement, and he did not believe [ ] would corroborate having made this statement. He considered that the statement was made simply to show the atmosphere of impending violence in New York. [ ] indicated that they expect civil riots in New York this summer.

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[ ] also told him that there were large quantities of firearms and arson materials hidden in New York and possibly in Chicago in anticipation of violence during the coming summer.

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LEATHERER had no information as to the identities of persons or organizations involved in the hoarding of such materials.

LEATHERER expressed a personal fear that the "underworld," which he could not further identify, would take advantage of the anticipated violence to "take over."

JAMES MICHAEL LEATHERER  
THREAT TO BOMB UNITED NATIONS  
BUILDING, JULY 4, 1966

Because of this and because he felt that "far leftists" were taking over the civil rights movement, he himself had broken away from the movement and is on an extended vacation in Mexico. He could not define "far leftists." He planned to live with a poor fishing family in Isla Mujeres, Mexico, and finish his book, "Callouses on My Soul." He noted that JESSE GRAY was recently quoted in "News Week" magazine as predicting summer riots in New York. He advised that GRAY had taken the place of a man who was recently sentenced in New York to five years in jail because of his involvement in the 1964 riots. He advised that [redacted] is very well known in [redacted] and was recently on the front page of the "New York Times."

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He advised that he arrived in Mexico City via Braniff Airlines from Chicago on April 7, 1966. He has no regular source of income. Funds for his trip were provided by a benefit held shortly before his departure in Chicago. He also receives aid from the Negro comedian DICK GREGORY, who recently sent him \$50.00. He and GREGORY have worked together for some time in the civil rights movement. The benefit for him was sponsored by GREGORY, [redacted]

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In Mexico City, he stayed at various cheap hotels, including the Hotel Trigalles. In Mexico City, he conferred on several occasions with [redacted] "black nationalist" leader from Chicago who was in Mexico City for his honeymoon, staying in a hotel near the Zocalo. From Mexico City, he traveled by bus to Tapachula, Mexico, on the Guatemalan border. He attempted to enter Guatemala but was not permitted entry because of faulty documentation. He claimed that actually, he was kept in Mexico because he defeated the local chess champion who wanted revenge.

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He then traveled to Veracruz and continued by hitchhiking to Merida.

He has made application for a United States Passport through the United States Consulate at Merida. He is awaiting his birth certificate.

JAMES MICHAEL LEATHERER  
THREAT TO BOMB UNITED NATIONS  
BUILDING, JULY 4, 1966

When he secures his passport, he may travel from Merida to Belize, British Honduras, and thence to Venezuela. He has heard that from Venezuela it is easy to secure passage to Europe by signing on the crew of a tramp steamer. He wanted to go to Europe to seek medical attention for his stump, his right leg having been amputated as the result of a birth injury.

At Isla Mujeres, he can be contacted through  of the hotel Zazil-Ha.

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He claimed he has never used marijuana or narcotics of any kind. He advised that he occasionally takes a drug known as Damasil for pain caused by his leg and arm injuries. He advised that he has been under the treatment of Dr. BETTS of Chicago Rehabilitation Clinic.

~~Michael~~ LEATHERER is a white, male, American; born December 30, 1930, at Saginaw, Michigan. His parents are shown as JOHN and ETHEL LEATHERER, 3440 South Washington, Saginaw, Michigan. He is 6'1" tall, weighs 180 pounds, has red hair, brown eyes, and has a crescent scar on his forehead. His right leg is missing and he utilizes aluminum crutches.

Persons in contact with LEATHERER in Merida characterize him as mentally unbalanced. They describe him as voluble and constantly referring to the civil rights movement and his activities in this movement and intimacy with leaders of this movement. He particularly stressed the beatings and physical abuse he has received and the violent aspects of this movement.

He claimed to have participated in the writing of a song called, "Burn Baby Burn." He spoke of impending violence and made several references to people having prepared bottles of Clorox for use in this violence.

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**Airtel**

**To: SAC, Chicago (174-105)**

**From: Director, FBI (174-342) - 33**  
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**JESSE WILLIARD GRAY;  
ALLEGED PLOT TO BOMB  
UNITED NATIONS BUILDING  
JULY 4, 1966  
BOMBING MATTERS -  
RACIAL MATTERS  
OO: NY**

**Title previously carried as "James Michael Letherer; Threats to Bomb United Nations Building, July 4, 1966;  - Informant; Bombing Matters - Threats."**

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**Enclosed for Chicago, New York and San Antonio is one copy each of LHM reporting interview with James Michael Letherer at Merida, Yucatan, Mexico.**

**Chicago, immediately interview  who is known to your office for full details concerning this matter and submit teletype summary followed by LHM suitable for dissemination. Furnish copies of all communications to New York.**

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**Chicago should immediately notify appropriate law enforcement agencies in the Chicago area and New York should immediately advise the appropriate law enforcement officers in the New York area including the Security Officer at the United Nations Building. This matter should receive continuous preferred attention until brought to a logical conclusion.**

**Enclosure**

**1 - New York (Enc.)  
1 - San Antonio (174-57)(Enc.)**

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**SEE NOTE PAGE 2.**

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**Airtel to SAC, Chicago**

**RE: JESSE WILLIARD GRAY**

**Chicago and New York advise Secret Service.**

**NOTE:**

See A. Rosen to Mr. DeLoach memorandum dated 6/1/66,  
same caption, HGR:vw...

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach *PD*

DATE: June 1, 1966

FROM : A. Rosen *AR*

SUBJECT: JESSE WILLIARD GRAY;  
ALLEGED PLOT TO BOMB  
UNITED NATIONS BUILDING  
JULY 4, 1966;  
BOMBING MATTERS -  
RACIAL MATTERS

1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Rosen  
1 - Mr. Malley  
1 - Mr. McGowan  
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1 - Mr. Sullivan  
1 - Mr. Wick

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The Chicago Office identified this individual as possibly James Michael Letherer who was reportedly in Mexico. Sources of our Chicago Office advised they have no information concerning the alleged meeting in Chicago involving the bombing of the United Nations Building.

*See index*  
James Michael Letherer was located and interviewed by a Bureau Agent in Merida, Yucatan, Mexico, on 5/24/66 and emphatically denied any firsthand knowledge of any bombing threats or other plans for violence in the United States. He stated that *ILL*

*See index*  
 attended a meeting in New York City in March, 1966, relating to a "poor people's conference" and when  returned to Chicago, he was asked by Letherer concerning the situation in New York and the conversation ensued about how "wild" things were in regard to poverty programs, civil rights and Negro militancy.

According to Letherer,  told him that Jesse Gray, a "New York black nationalist" was going to bomb the United Nations Building on 7/4/66. Letherer also stated  advised that there

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Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach  
RE: JESSE WILLIARD GRAY

was a large supply of guns and riot and arsenal material hidden in New York and possibly in Chicago in anticipation of violence during the summer of 1966. Letherer denied knowledge of any involvement in this alleged activity by Puerto Rican or underworld elements. He expressed doubt that [ ] would cooperate if interviewed. Letherer further stated he knows of no other plans or coordinated activities relating to possible violence in the United States. He stated the plans described by [ ] are not, in Letherer's opinion, sponsored by or aimed at advancing the civil rights movement.

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Bureau files reveal Jesse Williard Gray is a security index subject of the New York Office and a former Communist party organizer in the Harlem area in New York City, who now serves as director of Organization for Black Power, which is a coalition of militant Negro radicals and civil rights leaders. This has been a subject of Bureau security type investigation. [ ]

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[ ] a local civil rights organization and member of [ ]

[ ] James Michael Letherer, described [ ] as a psychopathic liar, a manic depressive with schizophrenic tendencies. He stated he went through the process of having [ ] James committed in Michigan, but when the papers were completed he refused to enter the hospital and the entire matter was dropped. Individuals in contact with Letherer in Mexico described him as mentally unbalanced.

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ACTION:

Attached is an airtel directing the Chicago Office to immediately interview [ ] for full details concerning this matter. In the event [ ] is not cooperative, this will at least put [ ] on notice that the FBI is aware of this situation.

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Despite the fact that the alleged bombings are not to take place until July 4, 1966, appropriate law enforcement officials in Chicago, New York, and the United Nations Security Officer are being advised of this matter. Secret Service and State Department also being advised.

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FBI

Date: 6/6/66

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

To: Director, FBI <sup>174</sup> (157-342) Att.: Civil Rights Section  
 General Investigative Division  
 Agency G-2, ONI, OSI, SEC. SER,  
 DEPT CRD 6-946  
 From: SAC, CHICAGO (174-105) Date Forw. JUN 9 1966  
 How Forw. RS  
 Subject: JESSE WILLIARD GRAY; By WBR/174  
ALLEGED PLOT TO BOMB 1 - Bombing - CRA of 1964 Unit  
UNITED NATIONS BUILDING 7/4/66  
☒ BOMBING MATTERS - THREATS ☒ RACIAL MATTERS

(OO: New York)

Re Bureau airtel to Chicago dated 6/1/66, and  
 Chicago teletype to Bureau dated 6/3/66.

Enclosed are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum, and two copies  
 of an FD 376 relating to above captioned allegation of threat  
 to bomb the United Nations Building, New York, 7/4/66.

One copy of enclosed letterhead memorandum and FD 376  
 is being furnished to United States Secret Service, Chicago.  
 Also enclosed are two copies of both the letterhead memorandum  
 and FD 376 for the San Antonio and New York Divisions.

Information contained in letterhead memorandum  
 was furnished by [redacted] to SAs [redacted]  
 and WILLIAM M. PARKER on 6/3/66. The sources used to  
 characterize JESSE GRAY are as follows, CG T-1 - [redacted]  
 and CG T-2 - [redacted]. Chicago is following this matter  
 closely and will advise the Bureau of all pertinent details;

ENCLOSURE

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- 1 - Bureau (Enclosures 8) <sup>174</sup> <sup>157-342</sup>  
 2 - New York (Enc. 4)  
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Approved: 36 JUN 20 1966  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

June 6, 1966

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Bureau file 174-342  
Chicago file 174-105

Director  
United States Secret Service  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C. 20220

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
3. ☐ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.
4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.
5. ☐ Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:
  - (a) ☐ Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior;
  - (b) ☐ Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
  - (c) ☐ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.
6. ☒ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

Photograph ☐ has been furnished ☐ enclosed ☐ is not available  
☐ may be available through \_\_\_\_\_

Very truly yours,

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s))  
U. S. Secret Service

Enclosure(s)

(Upon removal of classified enclosures, if any, this transmittal form  
becomes UNCLASSIFIED.)



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Illinois

June 6, 1966

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

JESSE WILLIARD GRAY  
ALLEGED PLOT TO BOMB  
UNITED NATIONS BUILDING  
JULY 4, 1966  
BOMBING MATTERS - RACIAL MATTERS

On June 3, 1966. [redacted]

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[redacted] was interviewed relative to an allegation by James Letherer, a Chicago civil rights worker presently vacationing in Mexico. Such allegation declared that Jesse Williard Gray had told [redacted] during [redacted] recent visit to New York that he was going to bomb the United Nations Building, New York, on July 4, 1966. Additionally, Letherer alleged [redacted] had told him that there were large quantities of firearms and arson materials hidden in New York and possibly Chicago in anticipation of violence during the coming summer.

On November 20, 1958, CG T-1 who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Jesse Gray had been the organizer for the Harlem Region of the Communist Party (CP) but that this position had been terminated in November, 1958. On January 24, 1964, CG T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that according to William L. Patterson, Chairman of the New York District of the Communist Party, Jesse Gray was no longer a member of the CP but is friendly to the CP.

[redacted] advised that he has never been to New York in his life. Furthermore, he has met Jesse Gray on one occasion only. May 4, 1966. at a [redacted]

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**JESSIE WILLIARD GRAY  
ALLEGED PLOT TO BOMB  
UNITED NATIONS BUILDING  
JULY 4, 1966**

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stated that Gray never told him that he was going to bomb the United Nations on July 4, 1966. Nor, in fact, did Gray mention during their meeting that there were quantities of firearms and arson materials hidden in New York and possibly Chicago in anticipation of violence during the coming summer.

[ ] related that he and Gray confined their discussion to the Negro freedom movement and specifically spoke of the possibility of organizing rent strikes. At no time did Gray make any statement relative to bombing the United Nations Building or that firearms stock piles were hidden in New York or Chicago for use in possible riots this summer.

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[ ] denied having any knowledge of the alleged bombing plot and declared that he personally has no information that any group has stock piled weapons or other materials for use in any racial disturbances this summer.

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On June 3, 1966, the above information was provided to the following agencies: U. S. Secret Service, [ ] Chicago Police Department, Sergeant [ ]

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VERY URGENT 5-24-66

TO DIRECTOR (174-342)

FROM LEGAT MEXICO <sup>CITY</sup> NO. 951

JAMES MICHAEL LEATHERER; THREATS TO BOMB UNITED NATIONS BUILDING,  
 JULY 4, 1966; [REDACTED] - INFORMANT, BM - THREATS

REMYCAB MAY 20 LAST.

SUBJECT INTERVIEWED MAY 24 INSTANT AT MERIDA, YUCATAN,  
 BY SA RICHARD S. CLARK OF THIS OFFICE. EMPHATICALLY DENIED  
 ANY FIRSTHAND KNOWLEDGE OF ANY BOMBING THREATS OR OTHER PLANS  
 FOR VIOLENCE IN THE U.S.

LEATHERER STATED THAT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WENT TO NEW YORK IN MARCH 1966 FOR A  
 MEETING RELATING TO THE "POOR PEOPLE'S CONFERENCE" AT WHICH  
 POVERTY CORPS DIRECTOR ~~SAR~~ SHRIVER WAS TO APPEAR. WHEN

[REDACTED] RETURNED TO [REDACTED] HE WAS ASKED BY LEATHERER CONCERN-  
 ING THE SITUATION IN NEW YORK AND CONVERSATION ENSUED ABOUT

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HOW "WILD" THINGS WERE THERE IN REGARD TO POVERTY PROGRAMS, CIVIL RIGHTS, NEGRO MILITANCY, ETC.

ACCORDING TO LEATHERER, [ ] TOLD HIM THAT JESSE GRAY, A "NEW YORK BLACK NATIONALIST" WAS GOING TO BOMB THE UNITED NATIONS BUILDING ON JULY 4 NEXT. [ ] ALSO QUOTED BY SUBJECT AS STATING THAT THERE WAS A LARGE SUPPLY OF GUNS AND RIOT AND ARSON MATERIALS HIDDEN IN NEW YORK AND, POSSIBLY, CHICAGO, IN ANTICIPATION OF VIOLENCE DURING THE SUMMER OF 1966. LEATHERER DENIED KNOWLEDGE OF ANY INVOLVEMENT IN THIS ALLEGED ACTIVITY BY PUERTO RICAN OR UNDERWORLD ELEMENTS. HE EXPRESSED DOUBT THAT [ ] WOULD COOPERATE IF INTERVIEWED.

LEATHERER SAID HE KNOWS OF NO OTHER PLANS OR COORDINATED ACTIVITIES RELATING TO POSSIBLE VIOLENCE IN THE U.S. HE SAID THE PLANS DESCRIBED BY [ ] ARE NOT, IN LEATHERER'S OPINION, SPONSORED BY OR AIMED AT ADVANCING THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT,

LEATHERER SAID HE HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH NARCOTICS BUT DOES TAKE DRUGS INTENDED TO CONTROL DISCOMFORT FROM HIS INJURIES.

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HE IS VOLUBLE AND SHOWS INTENSE INTEREST IN AND KNOWLEDGE OF ALL ASPECTS OF PUBLICITY PLAYED AN ACTIVE ROLE. STATES HE IS NOW SEPARATED FROM THESE ACTIVITIES AND DOES NOT DESIRE TO BE CURRENTLY INVOLVED.

LEATHERER PRESENTLY AWAITING DOCUMENTATION TO SUPPORT PASSPORT APPLICATION MADE AT CONSULATE IN MERIDA. PLANS TO BE IN MERIDA OR ON ISLA MUJERES, SMALL ISLAND OFF NORTHEAST COAST OF QUINTANA ROO, FOR NEXT FEW MONTHS. WILL REMAIN IN CONTACT WITH CONSULATE BUT EMPHASIZED HE HAS FURNISHED ALL INFORMATION IN HIS POSSESSION PERTAINING TO CAPTIONED MATTER.

AGENT RETURNING TO MEXICO CITY BY FIRST AVAILABLE TRANSPORTATION, NO LATER THAN MAY 25 NEXT. LETTERHEAD MEMORANDUM WILL BE FORWARDED IN POUCH LEAVING HERE MAY 27 NEXT.

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 3RD CC: MR. BRENNAN

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: June 8, 1966

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: <sup>(1)</sup>  
JESSE WILLIARD GRAY;  
ALLEGED PLOT TO BOMB  
UNITED NATIONS BUILDING  
JULY 4, 1966;  
BOMBING MATTERS -  
RACIAL MATTERS

1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Rosen  
1 - Mr. Malley  
1 - Mr. McGowan  
1 - [REDACTED]  
1 - Mr. Sullivan

DeLoach ✓  
Mohr ✓  
Wick ✓  
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Callahan ✓  
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## PURPOSE:

To advise investigation has determined the alleged plot to bomb the United Nations Building on July 4, 1966, and that a large supply of guns and riot material hidden in New York and Chicago has been found to be false.

## BACKGROUND:

James Michael Letherer, a former civil rights worker in Chicago, allegedly made a statement in Mexico during April, 1966, that a meeting was held in Chicago, date unknown, by a group of Negroes, Puerto Ricans and some underworld characters where a plan was formulated to bomb the United Nations Building and conduct a series of bombings across the United States on July 4, 1966. The bombings were allegedly designed to focus attention on the civil rights movement. Extensive investigation was conducted in Mexico to locate Letherer and he advised on May 24, 1966, that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] a local civil rights organization, advised Letherer that he, [REDACTED] attended a conference in New York during March of 1966, and that Jesse Gray, a "New York black nationalist", was going to bomb the United Nations Building on July 4, 1966. [REDACTED] also advised him there was a large supply of guns, riot and arsenal material hidden in New York and possibly Chicago in anticipation of violence during the summer of 1966.

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Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach  
RE: JESSE WILLIARD GRAY;

[redacted] was interviewed on June 3, 1966, and he emphatically denied that he had any information relative to an alleged plot to bomb United Nations Building, has never been in New York or has knowledge of any group that is collecting firearms or arsenal material in New York, Chicago or any other area. He stated he met Gray on one occasion when Gray [redacted]

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Appropriate law enforcement officials in Chicago, New York and the United Nations Security Officer have been advised of this matter, as well as Secret Service and the State Department.

OBSERVATIONS:

James Michael Letherer has been characterized by [redacted] as a psychopathic liar, a manic depressive with schizophrenic tendencies.

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Jesse Williard Gray is a security index subject of the New York Office and a former Communist party organizer in the Harlem area in New York City, who now serves as Director of Organization for Black Power, which is a coalition of militant Negro radicals and civil rights leaders. This has been a subject of Bureau security type investigation.

ACTION:

Inasmuch as the alleged bombplot has been completely washed out, no further action is being taken relative to this matter. This matter is being brought to the attention of the Domestic Intelligence Division for their information, as Jesse Williard Gray is a security index subject and serves as Director of Organization for Black Power, which has been a subject of a Bureau security-type investigation.

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**BICKERING OVER STRATEGY****Dissension Marks Freedom March**

—UPI Photo

Veteran civil rights marcher Jiro Leatherer, Saginaw, Mich., took to the road again when he joined the Mississippi Freedom Marchers in Yalobusha County yesterday. Mr. Leatherer, who is missing one leg, made the famed 60-mile Selma to Montgomery, Ala., trek last year.

**JESSE WILLIARD GRAY,  
ALLEGED PLOT TO BOMB  
UNITED NATIONS BUILDING  
JULY 4, 1966;  
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OAKLAND, Miss., June 14 (UPI) — Anger, Dissension, Discomfort.

Those were the characteristics of the "Mississippi Freedom March" yesterday during the ninth day of its mission to stir Negro voter registration in this state.

The 300 marchers planned to reach Granada today where some decision was expected regarding the route to Jackson, destination of the 220-mile hike from Memphis, Tenn.

Bickering over march strategy has caused dissension among Negro leaders, altho Floyd McKissick, chairman of the Congress of Racial Equality, said "dissension isn't the right word."

Some leaders want the march to swing off U.S. 51, the route proposed by James Meredith before he was wounded by shotgun pellets on the second day of the hike, June 6, and forced to recuperate in his New York home.

This group, led by the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party, wants to go westward into the delta farmlands to recruit voters. The Student Nonviolent Co-ordinating Committee opposes this.

The hikers themselves marched in discomfort yesterday, getting soaked to the skin by a thunderstorm, and slipping on wet grass when they stopped for lunch.

Meanwhile, at Ripley, Miss., Edward L. Whitten, representing Aubrey James Novell, charged with shooting Mr. Meredith, said he would ask a judge to lower the \$25,000 bond for Mr. Novell.

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The Worker \_\_\_\_\_  
The New Leader \_\_\_\_\_  
The Wall Street Journal \_\_\_\_\_  
The National Observer \_\_\_\_\_  
People's World \_\_\_\_\_  
Date 6-14-66

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO: *JFM*  
FROM: *[Signature]*  
SUBJECT: *W*  
DIRECTOR, FBI (174-342)  
SAC, NEW YORK (174-271)(C)  
JESSE WILLARD GRAY  
ALLEGED PLOT TO BOMB UNITED  
NATIONS BUILDING, 7/4/66  
BOMBING MATTERS - RACIAL MATTERS

DATE: 6/23/66

ReCGairtel to Director and LHM dated 6/6/66.

Information contained in referenced communication was orally furnished by SA  on 6/20/66 followed by LHM the same date to the following agencies, NYC:

<u>Individual</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Detective <span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 150px; height: 1.2em; vertical-align: middle;"></span>	Bureau of Special Services, NYCPD
ASAC <span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 150px; height: 1.2em; vertical-align: middle;"></span>	Secret Service, NYC
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	Naval Investigative Service Office, NYC
SA <span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 100px; height: 1.2em; vertical-align: middle;"></span>	OSI, NYC

On 6/21/66, SA DAVID G. JENKINS orally advised the following agencies followed by a letterhead memorandum the same date:

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<span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 180px; height: 1.2em; vertical-align: middle;"></span> Acting Security Chief, United Nations	

For the information of the Bureau, the "New York Times" dated June 23, 1966, page 22, in an article entitled

- 2 - Bureau (RM)
- 1 - Chicago (174-105) (Info)
- 1 - New York

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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

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"Mississippi Strife Studied By FBI" written by JEAN ROBERTS, relates that JAMES LEATHERER, a one-legged white social worker from Saginaw, Michigan, was one of 15 to 20 people at the Civil Rights Headquarters in Philadelphia, Mississippi, when it was allegedly fired into.

In view of the fact that LEATHERER has been described by [ ] as being a psychopathic liar and investigation by Chicago reveals in the interview with [ ] that this is true in that the original allegations by LEATHERER were denied by [ ] and Chicago sources advise they have no information concerning the alleged meeting involving bombing of the UN Building, there appears to be no substance to the allegation and this case is being closed by the NYO.

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Appropriate agencies in NY have been advised.

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Mr. Gray. I ask equal protection under the law, sir.

The Chairman. The witness is excused.

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House of Representatives,

Subcommittee of the Committee on  
Un-American Activities

Washington, D. C.

Public Hearing

A subcommittee of the Committee on Un-American Activities met, pursuant to recess, at 10:05 a.m., in the Caucus Room, Old House Office Building, Washington, D. C., Hon. Francis E. Walter (chairman) presiding.

Committee members present: Francis E. Walter of Pennsylvania (presiding), Clyde Doyle of California, Edwin E. Willis of Louisiana, and August E. Johansen of Michigan.

Staff members present: Richard Arens, staff director, Donald T. Appel and Robert H. Goldsborough, investigators.

(Committee members present at the convening of the hearing: Francis E. Walter of Pennsylvania, chairman; Clyde Doyle of California, and August E. Johansen of Michigan.)

The Chairman. The committee will be in order.

Call your first witness, Mr. Arens.

Mr. Arens. Albert Gaillard, will you please come forward?

The Chairman. Raise your right hand, please.

Do you swear the testimony you are about to give will be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so

help you God?

Mr. Gaillard. I do.

Mr. Arens. Sit down right here.

Bob, you sit next to him for a few minutes.

TESTIMONY OF ALBERT GAILLARD

Mr. Arens. Please state your first name, and if you will kindly keep your voice up.

Mr. Gaillard. My name is Albert Gaillard, and I live in New York City.

The Chairman. How do you spell your last name?

Mr. Gaillard. G-a-i-l-l-a-r-d.

Mr. Arens. Before we go any further in your testimony, just tell this committee what happened.

Mr. Gaillard. It happened this morning.

Mr. Arens. This morning when you were getting ready to come over to testify before this committee.

Mr. Gaillard. This morning about ten minutes to nine at the Dunbar Hotel on 15th and U, I met Jesse Gray who is I think former regional organizer of the Communist Party in Harlem, and Jesse Gray asked me was I going to testify in favor of for the government and I tell him that I didn't know, that "You would find out in court at ten o'clock this morning"; so he asked me was I going to take the Fifth Amendment. So I told him I didn't know whether I was going to take the Fifth Amendment or not.

And Jesse Gray told me if I testify for the government favor, he said, I won't be able to come back in my community in Harlem because tomorrow morning he would have leaflets all over the community about me.

For that reason I am afraid to go back to Harlem for a while.

Mr. Arens. Did you know Jesse Gray as a member of the Communist Party during your service in the Communist Party?

Mr. Gaillard. Yes, I know Jess Gray as a member of the Communist Party during my couple years and a half in the Communist Party.

Mr. Arens. Jesse Gray is in the hearing room today?

Mr. Gaillard. Yes, he is sitting right out there in the audience.

The Chairman. Has he been subpoenaed?

Mr. Arens. Yes, he is under subpoena.

The Chairman. We will get to him later on.

Mr. Arens. Would you tell us --

The Chairman. Don't be disturbed by the threats of people of his ilk. In a country such as ours loyal people are protected, and I just want to warn these smart nobodys that there will come a day when they will appreciate the fact that they live in a republic.

Go ahead.

Mr. Arens. Albert, just tell us a little bit about your

personal life before we get into your service in the Communist Party.

The Chairman. Before you go on, Mr. Arens, did you report this to the FBI?

Mr. Arens. He told me about it two minutes ago,

Mr. Walter. We have assured him he will have all the protection of the federal government and if either Jesse Gray or any of the other Communists who are under subpoena before this committee lay a hand on him, threaten him or anything of the kind, they will be brought to task.

The Chairman. Let us notify the FBI now.

Mr. Arens. Yes, sir.

Now, Albert, tell us just a word about your own personal life before you became associated with the Communist Party.

Mr. Gaillard. I was born December 12, 1939 in Charleston, South Carolina, and I attended Bruce Elementary School in Charleston, South Carolina, and then I left South Carolina.

I came to New York in 1950 and I attended P. S. 89 in New York and also attended Junior High School 139 in New York City and also attended Morris High School up in the Bronx, and for about a year I was up at the Otisville Training School because of family difficulty that I had with my family at home.

This is when I first came in contact with anything

involved with the Communist Party. I met a youth up at the State Training School who introduced me to communism, and that is when I first came in contact with them.

Mr. Arens. I think we should interrogate you on this vein, Albert, namely, that it is the information of the committee which you have confirmed that your sojourn at the training school was not in any sense because of any delinquency of any kind, but that you were afforded a home there while they were undertaking to find foster parents for you; is that correct?

Mr. Gaillard. Yes.

Mr. Arens. Tell us, if you please, how you first then joined the Communist Party and when you joined the Communist Party?

Mr. Gaillard. Well, during my time at Otisville State Training School this fellow, Gordon Danielson, was in the same dormitory that I was in at Otisville State Training School.

So usually every night while the rest of the boys would be out playing, on recreation, I would usually be out reading a book at a table by myself.

So Gordon Danielson came over to me and he started talking to me. So one night he took a piece of, white sheet of paper, and he drew a diagram and he started explaining to me about the different socialist states and what

communism was all about.

So he suggested when I get out that I join up with the Communist Party.

He had given me a name of a pastor who lived out in Long Island, that he would help me get into the Party. He said this pastor's name was not on record because of he being a minister he didn't want to be known.

So anyway, when I got to Otisville State Training School, this address that Gordon Danielsen gave me, I lost this address. So afterward one Sunday morning I was -- before this happened I went to the Party headquarters on 26th Street twice and each time that I went to try to join the Party they told me that I couldn't get into the Party, that I would have to have two persons that I know very well in good standing with the Communist Party to recommend me.

Mr. Arens. What year is this that you were in the process of joining the Communist Party?

Mr. Gaillard. I was in the process of joining the Communist Party I think it was in December 1956 and I finally got in in January 1957.

Mr. Arens. Tell us how you got into the Party, what you actually did to become a Communist.

Mr. Gaillard. Well, this friend, I met him at an uncle's house of mine -- his name was Lennie McSwain. He told me he was active in the Party out in Jersey City.

One morning we was discussing about international and different problems. So he told me why don't I join up with the Communist Party since I seemed to talk so outspoken.

So I told him I tried to get into the Communist Party twice and each time they told me I have to have someone that knew me well to recommend me.

So afterward he told me to go down to the Party headquarters again. So finally that Monday evening, I think about 11 -- Monday morning about 11 or 12 o'clock I went down at the Party headquarters and this time they didn't refuse me.

They take me right downstairs and they give me a paper and asked me to sign my name and my address and my telephone number on it.

This woman -- I cannot recall her name --

Mr. Arens. Is it your understanding that Lennie McSwain interceded for you or made arrangements for you to actually get into the Party?

Mr. Gaillard. Right.

Mr. Arens. This was at Party headquarters?

Mr. Gaillard. Right, Party headquarters.

Mr. Arens. Tell us what happened next after you actually became a Communist.

Mr. Gaillard. That same night after I left the Party headquarters they told me it would be in four or five weeks

that someone from the Party would get in touch with me.

That same night when I got home about seven o'clock I got a call from Mr. Jesse Gray who was regional organizer of the Communist Party at the time in Harlem.

Mr. Arens. He is the one that approached you this morning, is that correct, at the hotel?

Mr. Gaillard. Yes.

Mr. Arens. Go right ahead now and tell us what happened.

Mr. Gaillard. So Jesse Gray asked me to meet him at a church in Harlem. I think it was 132nd or 133rd Street. It was one of the streets.

I met Jesse Gray and another friend of myself by the name of Herbert Williams who also was a member of the Communist Party.

At that time Mr. Gray told me that the Communist Party was weak in this country because of lacking of the Negro youth. He told me that the Communist Party at this special time did not have a Negro youth movement up in Harlem.

He said I was the only Negro youth from Harlem that come up and joined the Communist Party in the last couple years. He told me that he would work very closely with me to see that I get a youth movement started in Harlem.

So afterward I agreed with him. Then a week later I went to Adelphia Hall on 14th Street which the Communist Party held a meeting there.

At this meeting Ben Davis, the chairman of the New York State Communist Party, was the main speaker at this meeting. After the meeting was over with, Mr. Gray turned and introduced me to Ben Davis and he was very pleased to meet me and happy for the fact that he had had a Negro youth from Harlem joined up with the Communist Party.

Mr. Davis also said to me himself that the Party needed a Negro youth movement in Harlem. He said because the Communist Party is not strong without the Negro youth behind it.

Mr. Davis assigned Jesse Gray, who was regional organizer at the time, to work with me very closely, and Mr. Davis said to Mr. Gray that, "I want you to report back to me because I want to be working closely with them, and I will finance the money and so forth to see that a youth movement in Harlem gets started."

Mr. Arens. Then what happened next, please?

Mr. Gaillard. What happened next -- afterward I had a couple meetings with Mr. Gray at his home at 1809 7th Avenue in New York City and at this meeting me and Mr. Gray were discussing how could we get the youth to organize to come into the youth movement.

So first of all Mr. Gray from his experience he told me that, "You cannot bring the idea of Communists over to the Negro youth in this community."

He said, "You have to have it on a social basis and then you can trick them to come into this youth movement."

So I went along with the plan with Mr. Jesse Gray.

So afterward our first leaflets we passed out and there was supposed to be a free youth social at 203 West 126th Street which was one of the Party headquarters that they have in Harlem, and they still have it, too.

So at this first youth gathering we had about forty or forty-five Negro youths that have attended this youth gathering. And Mr. Gray, he came in about a couple hours after this youth event have started.

Mr. Gray made a speech to the Negro youth concerning the racial problem, he said, that the Negro people is facing in this country.

So afterward that following week we had a couple more meetings. Then from there on in we started joining the youth movement, and we called it the Harlem Youth Congress.

Mr. Arens. Who were the officers of the Harlem Youth Congress?

Mr. Gaillard. Well, in the Harlem Youth Congress I, myself, Albert Gaillard, was president of the Harlem Youth Congress, and Ernest Harris, which is a Negro fellow, too, -- he was the vice-president of the Harlem Youth Congress.

Then I have another friend, Willie Ervin. He was also one of the officers of the Harlem Youth Congress.

Mr. Arens. To whom did you pay your dues as a Communist?

Mr. Gaillard. As a Communist twice I paid dues to Jesse Gray. Then after the youth movement have got started up on its feet, we also had a Chinese girl -- I think she was Chinese, half Chinese -- her name was Elma Moy, and she was the secretary for the Harlem Youth Congress and she started taking up the dues from there on in.

Mr. Arens. Tell us how many members were there in the Harlem Youth Congress during your presidency?

Mr. Gaillard. During my presidency in the Harlem Youth Congress, at first, when we first started out, it was at least about forty members in the Harlem Youth Congress. After mostly they find out that we was just a Communist front, a lot of them drop out and at the time the Ben Davis campaign started we only had ten or eleven youth left.

Mr. Arens. Within the Harlem Youth Congress was there a hard core of young Communists of whom you were one?

Mr. Gaillard. Yes, there was, at least about three or four of them.

Mr. Arens. Did the hard core of the young Communists in Harlem of which you were the president likewise organize other groups beside the Harlem Youth Congress?

Mr. Gaillard. Yes. We also have tried to organize the Puerto Rican youth. There was one Puerto Rican girl by the name of Hattie -- that is all I know her by -- and we decided that we will have a separate meeting at 110th Street in Lennox, which Mr. Gray's office is up there. We have used his office up there to have these meetings with these Puerto Rican youth and when we organized these Puerto Rican youth we didn't organize them in the name of the Harlem Youth Congress. I think we organized them in the name of Youth for Civil Rights or Youth for something -- I can't recall the name of it.

Mr. Arens. Did you organize also a youth committee for Ben Davis?

Mr. Gaillard. Yes. When the Ben Davis campaign was going on we organized a youth committee for Ben Davis. I myself took the role of being the president of the youth committee for Ben Davis, too, because Mr. Davis and Mr. Gray say that it would be better for a good Communist to be the head of any Communist youth movement that we have. And this was the reason why I take it upon myself to become president

of the youth committee for Ben Davis, and Mr. Davis, he was more in favor of the youth committee for Ben Davis than he was for the Communist front which was Harlem Youth Congress.

Mr. Arens. Did you have membership cards in the young Communists clique of which you were the head?

Mr. Gaillard. No, we didn't have any membership cards because --

Mr. Arens. Why not?

Mr. Gaillard. It came from the Party official down South that they didn't want any of their youths to have membership cards in case they would be picked up by the FBI or asked for any information, and they would not have any identification which would be relating them to the Communist Party.

Mr. Arens. Did you have any training sessions?

Mr. Gaillard. Yes. We have held classes which was educational. We have.

Mr. Arens. Were those Communist training sessions?

Mr. Gaillard. Yes.

Mr. Arens. Where were they held and when?

Mr. Gaillard. First, we had some classes up at our office at 203 West 126th Street, and how did they first start out. The classes they first start off talking about the Negro people problem that has happened to the Negro people, and

then they would tie in with Marxist and Leninist.

Mr. Arens. Who were some of the instructors at these training classes?

Mr. Gaillard. Some of the instructors at these training classes -- Mr. Gray was one instructor of these training classes and also Mr. Davis himself, and Edna -- I can't recall her last name. I can't remember it. I can't recall her last name.

But anyway Mr. Gray asked this Negro woman by the name of Edna to work along with the youth in these Communist Party education process and they worked with us for a couple of weeks and then she seemed like she lost interest.

Mr. Arens. How many were in attendance at the training classes?

Mr. Gaillard. I think at least every class we had there was about fifteen or seventeen would show up each time.

Mr. Arens. From whom did you receive your orders and directions as head of the Harlem Youth section of the Communist Party?

Mr. Gaillard. I received my orders and instructions from Ben Davis and Mr. Gray. But usually it would be Mr. Gray because Mr. Gray would get his orders from Ben Davis and he would give it to me.

Mr. Arens. Did the other Communist youth meet in closed sessions as comrades?

Mr. Gaillard. Yes. This is how, the way we did it. Mostly those who came in on the left side -- we had a meeting every Tuesday night with the hard core members of the Communists.

Mr. Arens. Were you the head of that group?

Mr. Gaillard. Yes, I was the head of it also.

Mr. Arens. May I ask you: Did you know as a Communist because of your attendance in closed sessions of the hard core of the Communist youth section Jesse Gray as a Communist?

Mr. Gaillard. Yes, I know Jesse Gray as a member of the Communist Party because he was regional organizer in Harlem of the Communist Party.

Mr. Arens. Did you know in like manner as a Communist Hunter Pitts O'Dell?

Mr. Gaillard. Yes, I know Hunter Pitts O'Dell as a member of the Communist Party. Before I go on, I would like to give a little estimation of how I know Hunter Pitts O'Dell, if you want me to go on.

Mr. Arens. Yes, sir.

Mr. Gaillard. During the time when the Ben Davis campaign was going on, I met Hunter Pitts O'Dell at Mr. Gray's house. The first time I met Mr. O'Dell, Mr. Gray introduced me to Mr. O'Dell as a friend of his for a number of years, and he told me that Mr. O'Dell was an insurance man and said that he was still going to school to

get his master's degree.

At that time I believed Mr. Gray because this was the first time that I ever come in contact with Mr. O'Dell.

So after a couple weeks passed, one day I went up to Mr. Gray's house and at the time Mr. Gray wasn't home, but Hunter was at Mr. Gray's house and Mr. Gray's house she had let me in.

So me and Hunter, we got into a conversation in the kitchen, when Mr. O'Dell came and told me that he was an insurance man. He said that he worked in the South in Negroes' affairs for the Communist Party and that he was an undercover agent working along with the Communist Party and said he had to be very careful because he had had twenty years' indictment behind him in the State of Louisiana.

And that is how I came to know Mr. O'Dell.

Mr. Arens. A little later on we will get into your activities with Hunter Pitts O'Dell.

Did you know in like manner as a member of the Communist Party, because of your attendance with him in a closed, hard core session, Alan McGowan?

Mr. Gaillard. Yes, I know Alan McGowan to be a member of the Communist Party and how I first met Alan McGowan. Jack Rosen, or either Jake Rosen, he was sitting right there in the audience now -- he was the first one that introduced me to Alan McGowan at Adelphia Hall on 14th Street and

said Mr. McGowan was a member of the Communist Party, and Alan McGowan then admitted to me himself that he was a member of the Communist Party and also one night when we was coming from a meeting from Adelphia Hall on 14th Street there was me, Alan McGowan, Freeman Robinson. We all would take the 7th Avenue Subway Express together. And Alan McGowan, even he started talking to me and I get to know him a little while because he was mostly interested in what the youth movement in Harlem was doing.

That is how I come to know Mr. McGowan to be a member of the Communist Party.

Mr. Arens. Did you in like manner know as a comrade, as a Communist, as a member of the Communist Party, Jacob Rosen?

Mr. Gaillard. Yes, I know Jacob Rosen to be a member of the Communist Party. When I first met Mr. Rosen, Freeman Robinson, a member of the Communist Party, had brought Mr. Rosen to Harlem at one of the Communist Party youth meetings that he was having that Sunday and he introduced me to Mr. Rosen.

At this time Mr. Rosen was head of the educational youth group called Scope, and he was trying to get the Negro youth from Harlem to take courses into Scope. But at this time he was very close to the Party, he was a member of the Party not yet.

So afterward he told me how much they charged for the courses, but he told me that both you can get some of your Negro youth to take up these courses, that "We would let you all have it free."

That is how come I got to know Mr. Jack Rosen and then later on a couple months later he joined up with the Communist Party.

Mr. Arens. Did you know in like manner as a member of the Communist Party Joanne Grant?

Mr. Gaillard. Yes, I know Joanne Grant to be a member of the Communist Party. I have met here several times, but I don't know here as well as I know Alan McGowan and Jack Rosen.

Mr. Arens. Did you serve in a closed party session with Joanne Grant?

Mr. Gaillard. Yes, I served in closed session twice at Adelphia Hall with Miss Grant, because I can point her out in the audience.

Mr. Arens. Did you know in like manner as a member of the Communist Party Paul Robeson, Jr?

Mr. Gaillard. Yes, I know Paul Robeson, Jr., to be a member of the Communist Party. My first experience of knowing Paul Robeson, Jr., was when the Ben Davis campaign was going on the year before last, I think it was in the summer of 1958, and Paul Robeson, Jr., was up at the

headquarters mostly all the time during when the Ben Davis campaign was going on, and there was several times that the Party have had private session meetings at the Party headquarters which Paul Robeson, Jr., he would take part in these meetings himself, and I also was invited by Ben Davis to sit in on one of these meetings.

(At this point, Mr. Willis entered the hearing room.)

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Mr. Arens. Did you know in like manner now as a member of the Communist Party because of your attendance with him in a closed party session Marvin Markman?

Mr. Gaillard. Yes, I know Marvin Markman to be a member of the Communist Party because Marvin Markman and Alan McGowan were very close friends in the Youth League. Anywhere you would see Alan McGowan you would see Marvin also. He would also sit in Communist Party meetings with Alan McGowan.

Mr. Arens. Did you have any experience with Ben Davis with reference to a picket program which Davis had devised for the Young Communists to set up?

Mr. Gaillard. Yes, I have had.

Mr. Arens. Would you tell us about that please?

Mr. Gaillard. I think it was in the summer of 1958 when there was an incident in involved up in the Bronx when there was a Negro youth that was shot by cops. And so Jesse Gray and Mr. Davis suggested that the Negro youth, that we should draw a picket line by the 23rd Precinct on 123rd Street between 7th and 8th Avenue. They also suggest that we call up the Amsterdam newspaper and tell them that a Negro youth is going to picket the police people. The reason for that, why they want this picket line to take place so that it will give the Communist Party an advantage.

Mr. Arens. Did he say anything to you about any of

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your Young Communists attacking the police or getting thrown in jail?

Mr. Gaillard. They had said to us that the police tried to make us move to refuse to move because it will be a big incident and the police will go around pushing around the Negro youth up in Harlem and say this will be a good political advantage for the Communist Party and for the youth movement itself.

But the reason why this picket line didn't take place, this lady, Mrs. Crawley, who lived up in the Bronx, whose son was the one that was killed--Jesse Gray suggested that we call her and we called her to try to get into the case, and she in turn gave me her lawyer's phone number and told me to call her lawyer and ask him.

So I called her lawyer and used the name of the Harlem Youth Congress and told him we was very interested in this case and we would like some publicity to get behind this case, and they went along with it until they found that we was members of the Communist Party and that we was just a Communist Party front.

After they found out we was a member of the Communist Party front Mrs. Crawley and her lawyer told us to get out of the case before they tried it.

Mr. Arens. Tell us of your experience in running the Harlem Youth Section of the Communist Party in soliciting names

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for petitions for Ben Davis.

Mr. Gaillard. During the time of the Ben Davis campaign when he was running for State Senator in the 21st Senatorial District against State Senator James Watson, when the petition campaign was going on, I myself and another Communist Party member by the name of Carla Reeves who was in the party, and I think she is still a member of the party--me and Carla Reeves went one Saturday morning to gather names on the petition.

This particular Negro woman that we went to--I think it was 127th or 128th Street--we asked her to sign this Communist Party petition. She kind of hesitated because she did not want to sign it. When we said it was the Peoples Rights Party she wanted to know whether the Peoples Rights Party was just a Communist Party front. She asked me and Carla and said, "Isn't Ben Davis--Isn't he a member of the Communist Party?".

And Carla Reeves she tried to trick this Negro woman and said, "Nope, he is not a member of the Communist Party.".

So she said, "Because I doesn't want to get into any difficulty, because I doesn't want to sign any Communist Party petition whatsoever, because I doesn't want nothing to do with Communism."

So anyway Carla tried to trick her so she can sign it. I felt sorry for her and I told her, "Please do not sign the petition because it is a Communist Party petition and Ben Davis

tc4 is Chairman of the New York State Communist Party."

And Carla Reeves got mad and she went back to the Party headquarters and she said to Mr. Davis about this incident what happened and Mr. Davis was mad about me.

And he said to me, these exact words--excuse me for using this one word in court--but he said, "I don't give a damn about how we hurt one or two individuals."

He said, "If we hurt one or two persons I don't give a damn as long as the Communist Party could achieve their victory."

And from Mr. Davis' statement I feel very hurt. The reason why I feel very hurt, if the Communist Party is supposed to be a party to fight for the Negro people as they claim, why would the Communist Party say about this woman who didn't want to sign a position and why would the higher officials in the party say he doesn't give a damn about her.

I think that Mr. Davis doesn't care about this one Negro woman and then the Communist Party doesn't care about the whole Negro people. They are only using the Negro people for their own advantages.

Mr. Arens. Albert, tell us about your experience in the underground movement to organize a youth movement in the South among Negroes.

Mr. Gaillard. During this time, like when I said I would come back to Hunter Pitts O'Dell--after I get to know

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Hunter Pitts Odell maybe for three or four weeks, then Hunter Pitts Odell he started talking and say; he said that the South is the revolutionary front.

So I asked him how he mean the South is the revolutionary front and he explained to me the reason why. He said the South is the revolutionary front. He say he would like to see that a powerful movement get started in the South. When Mr. Hunter find out that my home was in Charleston, South Carolina he decided I was the youth that was for the job. He asked me would I be willing to go to South Carolina with the Party backing to start a broad youth movement which would be controlled by the Communist Party and at this time I told Mr. Odell that I would be glad to go.

Mr. Arens. What year was this, Albert?

Mr. Gaillard. I think this was in about, I think it was the last part of 1958 or early part of '59, I think.

Mr. Arens. '58 or '59?

Mr. Gaillard. Yes.

Mr. Arens. All right. Go ahead, please.

Mr. Gaillard. Anyway after a couple of months we was talking on this subject, so finally Mr. Odell decides to send me South. And at this time that he send me South he said a Jim Jackson which was Chairman of the Southern Negro Affairs in the Communist Party--I think he was over in the Soviet Union attending this conference or this convention they

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had over in the Soviet Union.

Mr. Arens. That is James Jackson?

Mr. Gaillard. James Jackson, yes, of course.

Mr. O'Dell told me that he would give James Jackson their report when he come back, that I would be one of the agents working alone in the South with them underground.

Mr. O'Dell also told me that I have nothing to worry about; he said, because when he get down South he will introduce me to some of the Party's people in the South, and then I asked him: I said, "You mean to say that the Communist Party, that they have Negro people working underground in the South?".

And Mr. O'Dell told me yes, but he told me "Don't ask too much information," because he don't want me to know too much right away.

He said, first, you carry out one mission and then I will let you know about the Party more deeper."

(At this point, Mr. Johansen left the hearing room.)

Mr. Arens. Tell us about your mission then, please.

Mr. Gaillard. As to my mission, Mr. O'Dell he give me about a couple hundred dollars worth of books to sell. He told me when I go back to my home--

Mr. Arens. These were Communist books?

Mr. Gaillard. Yes.

One book he gave me was Paul Robeson. This book about

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Paul Robeson. He told me when I go back to my hometown that I must sell these books and when the people ask me why I come back home just say I come back home to be a book salesman.

He said every Negro youth that I sell a book to to take their names and addresses and have it for him when he comes. He said because he will meet me in South Carolina within a couple of weeks.

So I left New York. Mr. O'Dell he suggest to me that I leave New York late at night. So I left New York at 2 o'clock in the morning on the Greyhound bus, and I arrive in South Carolina that following night at 10 o'clock.

So finally the plan that I start that was going to work, it didn't work out the way I myself and Mr. O'Dell thought the plan would work.

Mr. Arens. Did you have an experience there with a high school group?

Mr. Gaillard. Yes, I am getting into that now. It was very surprising to me because I thought that the Negro people in the South--I thought that they wasn't very alerted to the Communist Party front but first when I went to one high school, Burke High School, and also went to another high school by the name of Avery High School to try to sell these books on Paul Robeson--

Mr. Arens. That is in South Carolina.

tc8 Mr. Gaillard. In Charleston, South Carolina.

Mr. Arens. Are these two high schools high schools in which the Negro students are in attendance?

Mr. Gaillard. Yes.

Mr. Arens. Tell us what happened there please?

Mr. Gaillard. First, I went into Avery High School. I got kicked out of Avery High School. When I first went to the principal he wouldn't let me get into the high school with these books. So then I left Avery High School and went to Burke High School, which I know the principal of Burke High School by the name of Mr. Young. Mr. Young was glad to see me because I was back home. But when I take these books and ask could I go around to give classes and try to sell it--right away Mr. Young asked me to please leave the school. He says, "Isn't Paul Robeson a member of the Communist Party?".

Mr. Arens. This man you were talking about was principal of the school?

Mr. Gaillard. Yes.

Mr. Arens. He himself is a Negro; is that correct?

Mr. Gaillard. Yes, he himself is a Negro and he is principal of Burke High School.

So Mr. Young he said to me, "Isn't this guy Paul Robeson-- isn't he a member of the Communist Party?"

So I tried to evade the problem--you know, the question.

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so finally Mr. Young asked me to please leave the school. He said if I ever come back to the school premises with any Communist book or any Communist literature he would call the police department and have me arrested.

I am not quite sure whether he called the police department or not, but I know when I got about four or five blocks away from the school, the local police official picked me up and made me open this brief case that I had about 40 books in this brief case, and they said to me--they looked at this book on Paul Robeson and said, "Isn't this guy a Communist?".

I tried to act smart. They told me don't get smart with them. They told me to stay off the street and don't go to any kind of institution with these books whatsoever.

So I told them that I was just a book salesman trying to sell books.

They said, "Do you have a license for it?".

I said no.

So finally I lay off it for a couple of days. In another couple of days I went back to try to sell these books again. I went to these different Negro churches and everywhere I went with these books to my surprise the Negro people have turned me down because they know what I was trying to sell and the way I was talking they told me that I talk like a Communist, and I was surprised.

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Mr. Arens. Let me interrupt you right there please to ask you this question.

The Communist Party in its attempts to penetrate the Negro youth uses the device that it is the champion of the Negroes, that it is against discrimination and the like.

Mr. Gaillard. Yes.

Mr. Arens. Do you have any conclusion which you have reached in your own mind as to whether or not the Communist Party is a discriminatory operation?

Mr. Gaillard. Yes, I have.

When I first joined the Communist Party everyone knows mostly, the Negro people who have joined the Communist Party and after they find out about the party they finally break away from the Party. I went into the Party with the idea that the Communist Party was the solution to the Negro people's problem, but as my experience in the Communist Party I find out that the Communist Party wasn't a party for the Negro people, that the Communist Party have one of the worst discriminations in their own Party themselves.

If the Communist Party can use the Negro people as a tool and use them for their own advantage, the Communist Party don't give a darn about the Negro people themselves, and I also witnesses about discrimination in the Party. If something happened to the Negro people, the Communist Party they

11 would be the first ones to jump up and say, "We must do this and we must do that". And then if the Communist Party find out they see whereupon the Government of this country changed things around and worked the things in the favor of the Negro people, it seems like the Communist Party they get sad and they want to drop the issue altogether--In other words, the Communist Party want to see the things really keep on happening to the Negro people so they can use this as a weapon to try to rally the masses of the Negro people around the Communist Party.

Mr. Arens. If you will just go on then please with the incidents in the South when you were attempting to organize the Negro youth in the South.

Mr. Gaillard. Yes.

I told you that I was picked up several times. Finally, Hunter O'Dell he finally showed up--two weeks passed by and he didn't show up. After this difficulty that I was in because when I left New York I only had about \$110 left in my pocket, after I had got my transportation.

After I arrived and after I was in South Carolina and my money was running out I phoned up Mr. Jesse Gray in New York because before Hunter O'Dell left--before I left New York I had my last meeting with Mr. Jesse Gray and Hunter O'Dell and Hunter O'Dell told me if I get into any difficulty for me to call Mr. Jesse Gray and have it charged on to Mr.

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Gray's phone and say if I need any financial funds or anything before he get down or I get in any difficulty to call Mr. Gray.

So finally, after I was picked up twice and my funds have run out, that I have taken to last me until Mr. O'Dell arrives, I called up Mr. Jesse Gray and I had charged collect on Mr. Gray's phone. At this time the way Mr. Gray was talking he seemed like he didn't want to be bothered with me after the plan that Hunter O'Dell with the backing of the Communist Party had proposed, that I had gone down South and after I called him and tell him that the plan failed Mr. Gray seemed like he didn't want to talk about it.

So I asked him, I said: "Have Mary left yet?".

When I said "Have Mary left yet?" he knew I was talking about Hunter O'Dell because they told me when I called to never call Hunter O'Dell's name on the phone.

So Jesse Gray told me that Hunter had already left. First he used the name "Mary" left.

He say, "Mary have already left and she is supposed to go to Montgomery, Alabama first and that she would probably get down to South Carolina soon."

And he said, "You are to talk the problem over with her".

So finally, a week later, Hunter showed up and I told Hunter O'Dell what had happened and I told him. I said, "I doesn't want to stay down here again," because I say, "the

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plans won't work."

I said, "Even among our own Negro people that I know myself and have grown up with them this idea about starting a Communist youth front, they wasn't for it at all."

I told Hunter O'Dell I would like to return back to New York, but I doesn't have the money.

So Mr. Hunter O'Dell he asks me, "When is the next train or bus going back to New York?". I gave him the schedules as far as I know.

So I said, "Aren't you going to give me fare? Maybe I can leave a couple days after you left."

Hunter O'Dell told me--he lied to me because I know that he have it on him--he lied to me and told me, "I doesn't have the money on me." He said, "Within 10 days I will send it back to you".

I told Hunter, I said, "If I stay down here another 10 days anything could happen to me." I didn't have no money for food or nothing.

All Hunter did was pull a dollar out of his pocket, and he give it to me and said: "Within 10 days you will have the money so you can come back".

Well, anyway, when he left I wanted to walk him to the bus station and he advised me not to because he said, he wanted to use caution and he doesn't want me to walk him to the bus station.

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So anyway about another couples of weeks and I was in South Carolina and I was waiting for Hunter O'Dell to send the money that he never sent me one sent. I had to work my way back up to New York myself.

Mr. Arens. Did you then conclude that you had had enough of Communism and enough of the Communist Party?

Mr. Gaillard. Yes.

Mr. Arens. Did you then make contact with the FBI and then with the Committee on Un-American Activities?

Mr. Gaillard. Yes, I have.

I made contact with the FBI and I also take it voluntarily upon myself and write this committee a letter.

But one thing I would like to say first, if I could say it in this room. I am not saying this that I tried to hurt anyone in this courtroom, any ex-comrade,--I mean any members of the Communist Party in this courtroom, but I know after I finish with this testimony to them the Communist Party, the leaders in the youth movement--I know that all of them is going to have a meeting on this and they will consider I sell out. But I want them to know that I did not sell out to the United States Government whatsoever, that I did this thing on my own free will.

I wrote a letter, I think it was, a six or eight page letter--I wrote to this committee and I said I would like to come down and give upon myself testimony about the Communist

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Party and my special reason why I wrote this letter to this committee because I do not want no other Negro youth to make the mistake with the Communist Party that I have made the mistake with the Communist Party.

Mr. Arens. There is the letter you sent to the committee, is it not?

Mr. Gaillard. This is the letter in my own handwriting, an eight-page letter in my own handwriting.

Mr. Arens. May I ask if Hunter Pitts O'Dell when he met you down in the southland there told you about any of the other comrades who were supposedly working in the South penetrating the southland undercover as you were supposed to be doing.

Mr. Gaillard. Yes, Hunter O'Dell he told me that they had a Negro woman in Columbia, South Carolina. He said she was up North for quite a number of years. That she was originally from Columbia, South Carolina and that she was in the progressive movement while she was up North and she went back to Columbia, South Carolina. Now she is one of the leading Negro women which take part in the progressive movement throughout the South.

The Chairman. Any questions?

Mr. Doyle?

Mr. Doyle. Mr. Gaillard, I would like to ask you a few questions.

16 Mr. Gaillard. Yes, of course.

Mr. Doyle. I haven't read your letter so I do not know what you said. I notice as you give the names of these members of the Harlem Youth group and the names of the Communists or persons you identified as Communists you have no writing or memoranda in front of you. You apparently are giving those from memory; is that correct?

Mr. Gaillard. Right.

Mr. Doyle. How old are you?

Mr. Gaillard. I just reached my 20th birthday December 12th--20 years old.

Mr. Doyle. How old were you when you first went into the Harlem Youth group?

Mr. Gaillard. I think I was about 17 years old then. I think I just reached my 18th birthday--no, I just reached my 17th birthday at the time. I was 17.

Mr. Doyle. When I asked you about not having any memorandum or writing in front of you I didn't mean that as a criticism. I mean it as a compliment.

Mr. Gaillard. Well, I tell you--

Mr. Doyle. Also it means to me that you are more a creditable witness than some of these people I am looking at in the courtroom who would give you credit for being.

I have never met you, of course. I am shocked that this Mr. Gray who is in the room here apparently, and I am anxious

017 to meet him and see who he is--we will do that apparently a few minutes later in this hearing--I am shocked to find that in the capital city of the United States, according to your testimony, he is the agent of the Communist Party who came up and threatened you in a hotel. I am not surprised as a Communist that he would do it because that is their methods that are well known.

But may I ask you about what he said again? I didn't quite get it clearly from you?

Mr. Gaillard. Last night I went to the Dunbar Hotel to spend overnight because I came here since yesterday and was to testify this morning. So about a quarter to nine I got up and went and had breakfast. After I had breakfast I went to the barber shop to get a haircut but the barber shop in the hotel was not open yet. I was on my way back to my room to get dressed and I saw Mr. Gray. He was standing there by this hotel door. He had his briefcase in his hand.

So he called me. I was talking to another Negro fellow who worked in the hotel.

So Mr. Gray called me and I was shocked to see Mr. Gray and at this time I got frightened when I saw Mr. Gray because I know that I have to appear and I was going to be a witness this morning. So I thought maybe Mr. Gray--I thought maybe he knew I was going to witness this morning. So that is the

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reason I got frightened.

So anyway he asked me. He said, "So you are the surprise witness. You are going to witness tomorrow, you who was recently a breakaway from one of the youth operations, one of the youth Communist operations in this country."

So I said, "I am not saying yes and I am not saying no."

I said, "I will appear in court at 10 o'clock this morning." And I said, "At this hearing you will find out what I have to say."

He say, "You know that ever since you was in the Party that I have known you very well."

He said, "You don't have to hide anything from me."

He said, "I want you to take the Fifth Amendment."

He say, "Would you take the Fifth Amendment?".

So I was trying to--I play around with him a little. I say, "If I took the Fifth Amendment what will happen to me?".

He said, "Nothing would happen to you."

He stand up and talk to me for seven or eight minutes and kept on telling me, "Take the Fifth Amendment".

I said, "I am not quite sure. You will find out in court."

So anyway he told me. He said, "If I doesn't take the Fifth Amendment, he said, that he will see for sure in the-- First of all, he asked me my address. He know that I lived in Harlem somewhere around 124th Street. He know what block

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I live in but the exact address he doesn't know. He asked me my exact address.

I told him that I am not giving out to anyone my address because, I said, "I am out of the Communist Party and I don't want to have anything to do with anyone who is very close to the Communist Party anymore and for this reason I refuse to give out my address."

Gray told me again. He said, "Are you going to take the Fifth?".

I said, "You will find out in court."

He told me if I doesn't take the Fifth Amendment he said I would be selling out the Party and I would be selling out the Negro people.

And I corrected Mr. Gray. I say to Mr. Gray, "If I go before this committee this morning and if I testify against the Party", I said, "I am not selling out the Negro people." I said, "because the masses of the Negro people don't give a darn about the Communist Party".

I said that because this testimony that I am making this morning doesn't involve the Negro people at all.

So Mr. Gray he got on the phone. He tried to place a long-distance call to New York City to the Amsterdam News because he said he wanted this to be in the Amsterdam News when the Amsterdam News comes out tomorrow morning, and when he tried to make his call the line was busy and I left him

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standing at the telephone booth. He was trying to place the call again. And I went to my room.

So when I came back out again Mr. Gray was still standing by this phone and me and Mr. Gray were walking to this cafeteria in this restaurant and he sat down. He had a cup of coffee and some toast and in the restaurant he seemed like he was trying to make me look very, very small. He started talking loud, "Why don't you take the Fifth," he said, "because you was too young to go before that committee and testify against the Party."

So I got mad and I walked out. And I say, "I will see you in court".

And he hadn't said anything else, but the last thing he say to me when I walked out, "If you doesn't take the fifth you will be in pretty bad shape in the Harlem community, that I will have leaflets out."

Even if Mr. Gray don't put these leaflets out like he said, I know Mr. Gray to be a man of his word--if he say he will do something I know he will do it. For this definite reason I would not return to my address where I live at for another couple weeks anyway, because even if this committee could stop him from putting out this leaflet, I am still afraid that the word could be passed around that maybe someone would try to physically harm me.

Mr. Doyle. May I ask you--

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Mr. Willis. What do you think he will say in the leaflet? What do you mean by that?

Mr. Gaillard. He told me. He said in this leaflet that I will be a sellout to the Negro people and also he say that I will team up with the landlords because he said the big upper class is the one responsible for having these investigations and this committee is one of the worst committees in this country. That is what he said.

Mr. Doyle. I am not surprised that he virtually ordered you to claim the Fifth Amendment privilege because our experience over the years is that that is the habit of the Communist Party and their attorneys, if the attorneys are Communist, too, to instruct the witnesses to claim the Fifth Amendment.

I think I heard you mention before something Mr. Gray said about the federal government.

Did I hear you when you spoke a few minutes ago say that Mr. Gray had asked you something about the federal government?

Mr. Gaillard. No. What I said, Mr. Gray he asked me, was I going to be a witness for the federal government.

Mr. Doyle. Support what?

Mr. Willis. For the federal government.

Mr. Gaillard. He asked me was I going to be a witness for the federal government.

Mr. Doyle. For the federal government.

Mr. Gaillard. Right.

Mr. Doyle. Well, of course, there is only one federal government in the United States and that is the Federal Government. I am not surprised either that he, as a Communist organizer, would try to get you to keep from testifying in support of your own government. That is their habit. That is what they do. They would rather have you testify in favor of Soviet Communism, not Constitutional Democracy.

(At this point, Mr. Johansen entered the hearing room.)

Mr. Doyle. Now, I just have a couple other questions. I will hurry over this.

Did I understand you to say that Mr. Gray or Mr. O'Dell were encouraging you to organize a youth movement amongst the Puerto Rican people of New York, the Puerto Rican youth?

Mr. Gaillard. Well, this is how the way it went after we got the Harlem Youth Congress started and also after we got the youth committee for Ben Davis started, and at this time we didn't have a single Puerto Rican in there, and Mr. Gray suggest since we have Puerto Ricans that is living in the Harlem community, too, he said it would be very good if we can try to organize the Puerto Ricans also, too.

So finally we was finding what Puerto Rican persons we could get in contact with. So finally we got in contact

with a Puerto Rican girl by the name of Hattie. I cannot recall her last name.

Well, anyway, this girl when we first got in contact with her, this Puerto Rican girl, she didn't know that we all were members of the Communist Party.

But one Sunday we had a meeting and we tried to convince her on the line of communism two and a half hours, but she said that the Puerto Ricans would think it would be a double dirt to be a Puerto Rican and also to be a member of the Communist Party.

They seemed like they keep on trying and trying to convince her.

And the last time, of my knowledge, the last time that I saw her was when we had a meeting with the Puerto Rican youth upon 110th Street and Lennox Avenue. And at this meeting that is when she had at least seventeen or eighteen Puerto Ricans, and I have not seen her since because that was the same night that I went South.

Mr. Doyle. About what ages were those Puerto Ricans?

Mr. Gaillard. Most of them were from the age of about sixteen till about twenty-four or twenty-five.

Mr. Doyle. Did I understand you to say that Mr. Gray told you that it didn't matter if you hurt one or two individuals?

Mr. Gaillard. That wasn't Mr. Gray. That was Ben Davis,

chairman of the New York State Communist Party.

Mr. Doyle. Mr. Davis?

Mr. Gaillard. Yes, Mr. Davis, Ben Davis, chairman of the New York State Communist Party.

Mr. Doyle. Did I understand you to say it didn't matter to him whether or not one or two individuals were hurt as long as the --

Mr. Gaillard. -- the Communist Party achieved their victory. That is what he said.

Mr. Doyle. Achieved their purpose. That is their habit. They are willing to sacrifice the dignity and personality and freedom of one or two as long as they promote their insidious propaganda. That is their habit. That is well known to us. They will even ruin one of their members if need be in order to gain success for their party. That is their habit.

So I am not surprised that that is what he told you.

I am not acquainted with Ben Davis. What candidacy was he running for?

Mr. Gaillard. I think during the summer of 1958 Ben Davis was running against State Senator James L. Watson in the 21st Senatorial District and he was running for State Senator.

Mr. Doyle. And he was a candidate. He was known to you as a Communist at the time but his Communist membership

was not divulged?

Mr. Gaillard. That is right.

Mr. Doyle. It was not revealed. He was running secretly as far as his Communist Party membership was concerned; is that true?

Mr. Gaillard. He was running on an open ticket, but they called it the People's Rights Party. It was open.

Mr. Doyle. But as far as the support of you young Communists was concerned, your support of him as young Communists was secret?

Mr. Gaillard. Right.

Mr. Doyle. Well, for lack of time I will discontinue asking you any further questions.

I want to compliment you for having the guts and the patriotism, because that is what it takes -- it really takes guts and patriotism, the kind Americans respect, patriotic Americans, to do what you have done.

I am saying that for the benefit largely of you young people that are in the hearing room. It is not surprising to me that this American citizen being a Negro testifies as he does and can testify honestly as he does. It ought to be a warning to some of your folks possibly in the room that think that the Communist Party stands for freedom of the individual.

Here is a case where it stood for anything but freedom.

It stands absolutely for totalitarianism of the most insidious sort.

Thank you very much.

Mr. Willis. Just one question, Mr. Chairman.

The Chairman. Yes, Mr. Willis.

Mr. Willis. Up to what grade did you go to school?

Mr. Gaillard. I went up to the fifth term of high school in Morris High School.

Mr. Willis. Are you employed now?

Mr. Gaillard. Yes, I am employed now.

Mr. Willis. Okay.

Thank you very much.

The Chairman. Mr. Gaillard, I am not in the least bit surprised by what you say with respect to the loyalty and patriotism of the colored people in the United States. I think it is a matter of great credit that in spite of all sorts of hardships, they realize that being subservient to a foreign power is not the best in their best interests.

I do want to congratulate you. What you did is not easy. Those of us who are charged with distasteful tasks as we are now engaged in are not often encouraged. But every once in a while there is something that happens, though, for example, when the appropriations for this committee were approved without one single dissenting vote.

We were encouraged when yesterday the House by unanimous

consent approved a security bill, with not one vote against it. And then today you come in here and have the courage to tell about this movement designed to make serfs out of all of us.

After all we are encouraged, and I want to thank you and I am sure I am voicing the feelings of every member of the Congress of the United States without exception that we are indebted to you.

Mr. Johansen. Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Doyle. Mr. Chairman, may I add a word there about the appropriation?

I do it because I could not help but notice a half dozen or so of you young people broadly smiling, and even laughing out loud at the Chairman's remark.

So I thought I would inform you that under our Congressional procedures before that appropriation could come to the floor of the House, it had to go before a Congressional committee and that committee always holds hearings. It is a Subcommittee on Appropriations on governmental operations.

And before that committee every member of Congress had the right and the opportunity to appear and testify in opposition to our committee's appropriation if the member wanted to.

The fact is that not a single member of the Congress,

all of us knowing that that committee was to consider this particular appropriation, appeared or asked to appear before that committee.

So it was not a matter of this appropriation just coming extemporaneously to the House. It had been pending before a committee publicly and every member of Congress had a right and a privilege and an opportunity to appear before that committee and testify against the appropriation if he wanted to.

Mr. Johansen. Mr. Chairman.

The Chairman. More than that, everybody was aware of the fact that it was called up.

Mr. Doyle. Certainly.

The Chairman. I do not think I remember -- when did you leave the Communist Party?

Mr. Gaillard. I left the Communist Party in August 1959. I wrote the Communist Party a letter with my resignation from them.

The Chairman. Just a few months.

Excuse me, Mr. Johansen.

Mr. Johansen. You finish first.

The Chairman. I wanted to inform you that you are continued under this subpoena so that your status now until we call you again is that of a government witness.

Mr. Johansen. Mr. Chairman, if I may make just one more

remark, I regret that I had to be out of the room during part of your excellent testimony because I had to appear as a witness before another committee of the Congress.

On the basis of what I have heard and on the basis of the comments of my colleagues and this committee, I want to join them in commending you. You are a credit to your race and you are a credit to your country.

And thank you.

The Chairman. The committee will stand in recess for five minutes.

(Brief Recess.)

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The Chairman. Lest we have order I am going to be forced to clear the room.

Mr. Arens, call your next witness, please.

Mr. Arens. Jesse Gray, please come forward and remain standing while the Chairman administers an oath.

The Chairman. Raise your right hand, Mr. Gray.

Do you swear the testimony you are about to give will be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

Mr. Gray. I do.

The Chairman. Sit down please.

TESTIMONY OF JESSE GRAY, ACCOMPANIED BY HIS COUNSEL,

LAWRENCE SPEISER

Mr. Arens. Please identify yourself by name, residence, and occupation.

Mr. Gray. My name is Jesse Gray. I live at 1809 7th Avenue, New York. I am Executive Director of the Lower Harlem Tenants Council.

The Chairman. Lower Harlem Tenants?

Mr. Gray. Tenants Council.

Mr. Arens. Your residence please?

Mr. Gray. 1809 7th Avenue.

Mr. Arens. You are appearing today in response to a subpoena that was served upon you by this committee?

Mr. Gray. Yes.

tc2 Mr. Arens. And you are represented by counsel?

Mr. Gray. Yes.

Mr. Arens. Counsel, please identify yourself.

Mr. Speiser. Lawrence Speiser, director of the Washington Office of the American Civil Liberties Union, a member of the California and United States Supreme Court bar. My address is 1712 I Street, N. W., Washington 6, D. C.

Mr. Arens. How long have you been employed at your present place of employment?

Mr. Gray. Several years.

Mr. Arens. Would you say you have been employed as many as five years?

Mr. Gray. Four years.

Mr. Arens. Did you hear the testimony a few moments ago of Albert Gaillard?

Mr. Gray. Yes, I did.

Mr. Arens. Was Mr. Gaillard giving a truthful account of the experience he had with you this morning at the hotel, the conversation he had with you?

Mr. Gray. I had no conversation with Mr. Gaillard.

The Chairman. Did you have breakfast this morning in the Dunbar Hotel?

Mr. Gray. Yes, I had tea this morning.

The Chairman. Was Albert Gaillard there in the restaurant when you were?

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Mr. Gray. I saw him in the corridor.

The Chairman. Didn't you see him in the restaurant?

Mr. Gray. I saw him passing through the restaurant.

The Chairman. Then you did see him in the restaurant this morning?

Did he stop and talk with you?

Mr. Gray. I had no conversations.

The Chairman. Did he stop and talk with you?

Mr. Gray. I had no conversation.

The Chairman. I am not asking about your conversation with him. I am asking if he made any statement to you.

Mr. Gray. On this question, I take the Fifth.

Mr. Arens. Do you honestly apprehend if you told this committee whether or not he talked to you you would be supplying information that might be used against you in a criminal proceeding.

(The witness conferred with his counsel.)

Mr. Gray. Yes.

Mr. Arens. Are you now a member of the Communist Party?

Mr. Gray. No, I am not now a member of the Communist Party.

Mr. Arens. Have you ever been a member of the Communist Party.

Mr. Gray. I take the Fifth on that question.

Mr. Arens. Were you a member of the Communist Party any-

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time in the course of the last year?

Mr. Gray. I take the Fifth on that question.

The Chairman. Were you a member of the Communist Party up to 10 o'clock this morning?

Mr. Gray. I take the Fifth on that question.

Mr. Arens. Did you hear the testimony of Albert Gaillard with respect to your activities up to just a few months ago in the Harlem Youth Section of the Communist Party?

Mr. Gray. I don't hear too well.

Mr. Arens. In essence he--

The Chairman. Just tell him what he said and speak up so he can hear you.

Mr. Arens. In essence he testified that you were one of the hard core of the young Communists in Harlem under the direction of Ben Davis, who were members of the Communist Party with whom he had served in closed Communist Party sessions. Now, was he in error in that testimony respecting yourself?

Mr. Gray. I take the Fifth on that question.

Mr. Arens. Do you honest apprehend that if you told us whether or not Gaillard was in error you would be supplying information which could be used against you in a criminal proceeding?

Mr. Gray. Yes.

Mr. Arens. Mr. Chairman, I respectfully suggest that will

tc5 conclude the staff interrogation of this witness.

The Chairman. Is he going to invoke the Fifth Amendment, Mr. Speiser?

Mr. Speiser. Mr. Chairman, the only thing I can say is that it depends on the questions that are asked.

The Chairman. I am attempted to ask a question but I shan't.

Are there any further questions?

Mr. Doyle. I have one or two.

The Chairman. Mr. Doyle?

Mr. Doyle. Is this Lower Harlem Tennis Council--

The Chairman. Tenants?

Mr. Gray. Tenants, T-e-n-a-n-t-s.

Mr. Doyle. Oh, I see. I misunderstood. I thought it was a tennis club of some sort.

Mr. Gray. No, tenants.

Mr. Doyle. Tenants?

Mr. Gray. Tenants.

Mr. Doyle. In other words, a group of tenants in Harlem, and you are the Executive Director on salary of that group; are you?

Mr. Gray. Yes.

Mr. Doyle. You have been for four years, approximately four years.

Mr. Gray. Approximately.

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Mr. Doyle. You heard the testimony of Albert here about attending club meetings and group meetings in Harlem. I am sure I heard him testify that on occasions you were present with him at group meetings in Harlem.

Did you ever attend any group meetings to your knowledge when he was personally present?

Mr. Gray. I take the Fifth on that.

Mr. Doyle. Oh.

Did he ever attend the Tenants Council meeting when you were there?

Mr. Gray. The Fifth on that also.

Mr. Doyle. Do you think that might incriminate you if he was present at the Tenants meeting of which you were the Executive Director, if you testified that he was?

(The witness conferred with his counsel.)

Mr. Gray. Yes.

Mr. Doyle. You do?

Now, you heard him testify that both you and he were present at meetings with Mr. Ben Davis, who was a Communist Party candidate for some office in New York; is that true?

Mr. Gray. Fifth on this same question.

Mr. Doyle. The Fifth on the same question.

You heard him testify a few minutes ago that in the hotel lobby down there during a conversation between you and he you stepped to the phone booth after telling him you were

7 going to call a newspaper, the Amsterdam in Harlem, so that they would publish tomorrow morning the fact that he had testified in support of the Federal Government. Is that true?

Mr. Gray. My position remains the same. The Fifth on this one, sir.

Mr. Doyle. The Fifth?

Mr. Gray. Yes, sir.

Mr. Doyle. Did you telephone this morning or try to telephone the Amsterdam newspaper in Harlem from the hotel?

Mr. Gray. Fifth on this same question.

Mr. Doyle. Of course, the telephone record would show that, I assume.

Did you tell him this morning to claim the Fifth Amendment when he testified here?

Mr. Gray. The Fifth on that question also.

Mr. Doyle. Did you tell him in substance that there would be a meeting back in Harlem if he did not claim the Fifth and in subsequence he would not be welcome back in Harlem if he did not claim the Fifth before this committee?

Mr. Gray. I take the Fifth on that also.

Mr. Doyle. Did you tell him in substance that it would be claimed that he was a sell-out to the Government?

Mr. Gray. I am sure the community will decide that, and I take the Fifth on that also.

c8 Mr. Doyle. I think that is all.

Let me ask this, Mr. Chairman.

You were, were you not, the Executive Officer or a representative of the Communist Party in your area at one time?

Mr. Gray. I take the Fifth on that also.

Mr. Doyle. Are you now that representative?

Mr. Gray. I take the Fifth on that also.

Mr. Doyle. Assuming that you were the representative as he testified, were you paid a salary for that job?

Mr. Gray. Fifth on that also.

Mr. Arens. Just one last question, Mr. Chairman.

Do you expect to do anything to help the community to decide what the community should do about Mr. Gaillard?

The Chairman. That is all immaterial.

Mr. Johansen. Mr. Chairman?

The Chairman. What was the question, Mr. Johansen?

Mr. Johansen. I understood the witness to say earlier that his hearing was not too good on some of the testimony.

The Chairman. He hears. He has heard the questions and he has answered them.

Mr. Johansen. I just wondered, Mr. Chairman, if his hearing was acute enough that he heard the warning of the Chairman that witnesses before this committee are protected by the Government of the United States.

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